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ERRATA.

Page 14, 8th line, for 6: 6 read 1: 6.
Page 39, 8th line, delete *the*.
Page 64. 5th line, supply *his* before Receipt.
Page 170, 22d line, supply *Town* before Treasurer.
Page 180, 17th line, for David read *Daniel*.
Page 247, 26th line, for for but read *but for*.
Page 324. 38th line, for Bussel read *Russell*.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

WORCESTER, MASS., JULY 24*th*, 1882.

I hereby certify that the matter contained in this volume has been compared with the original records in this office, and found to be, with the above correction, a true copy of the same.

E. H. TOWNE, *City Clerk*.

Worcester Town Records.

WORCESTER RECORDS.

The Town Records of Worcester from 1722 to 1753 have been published under the name of "Early Records." In the present undertaking the work will be continued from the last mentioned date to the close of the Revolutionary War in 1783. It will be issued in three parts, paged continuously to form a volume. A title page etc., and a full index will be supplied with the third part.

Worcester Town Records.

Att a general Town Meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester march : 18th 1754 for the Choice of Town officers &c for the year ensueing at said Meeting John Chandler Esq was Chose moderator Attst Daniel Heywood T. Clerk

Att said meeting the following officers were Chosen vizt

John Chandler Junr Esq. John Curtis Nathll More Junr Jona Lynds Timothy Paine John Boyden Gardr. Chandler Selectmen and Assessors

Timothy Paine Town Clerk

John Chandler Junr Esq T. Treasurer

Simon Gates and Jonas Woodward Chose Constables and in the Meeting Simon Gates procured Daniel Hubbard to Serve and the Town voted him in Constable in the Room of Simon Gates

John Chadick Sealer of Leather

Majr Danl Heywood Clerk of the market & Surveyor of Boards Clapboard & Shingles

John Curtis Jona Lynds Joshua Bigelow Surveyors of Highways and Collectors of the Highway Tax to be granted for this year

John Gates Jno Chadick Junr Fence Viewers

David Bancroft Benja Chapin Tything Men

John Gates Thomas Wheeler Junr Deer Reeves

Jona Gates Junr William Mcclellan Timothy Knight Benja Crosby Adonijah Rice James Mcfarland Nathaniel Tatman Samuel Curtis Gardiner Chandler Hog Reeves

Voted that the Schools be supported in the same way and manner as they were the Last year and that John Chandler Junr Nath^{ll} Green and Luke Brown be a Comitte for Providing a master for the Center School——

Samuel Mower John Boyden Ebenezer Willington James Boyd Noah Jones and Francis Harrington be a Comitte for the Several Parts of the Town they live in for providing masters and the Selectmen are Impowered To fix the Bounds of Smiths Quarter & Flaggs Quarter and if need be the Places that the School is to be Kept in

The Selectmen made returns of several Roads or ways Laid out by them vizt a Road to accomodate Josiah Peirce going through Land of Samuel Eaton a Road to accomodate Ezekiel How and others going through Land of John Knights Timothy Knight and Edward Knight the Heirs of Col^{o} Heath and Land of Col. Hatch and also a Road to accomodate James How and others going through Land of said Heaths Heirs Land and Land of Col. Hatch all which the Town accepted of as private ways and voted to be Recorded provided the Town are not put to any Cost in purchasing the same

Voted that Mess. Israel Jenison John Curtis and Joshua Bigelow be a Comitte to settle accounts with the Town Treasurer and report their doings at the next meeting——

Voted that the Incouragement for Killing Wolves & Rattle Snakes as allowed and Voted the Last year, be allowed and granted for the present year

Voted that the sum of one Hundred and Fifty Pounds Lawfull money be assessed and Leveyed on the Polls and Estates in this Town in the same way and manner as was voted at the annual meeting held ye 4th of march 1750/1 to be Expended in Building Bridges and Causways and mending and repairing decayed ones and Putting the Roads and ways into repair the present year and that the same wages be allowed and Rules followed in all regards as was voted at said meeting and the Selectmen are to direct in giving orders to the Surveyors to allow Persons to work so as may best accomodate them having a general Regard to the publick

Benefit and such Persons if any there be who have not paid their Tax for the year 1753 : may discharge the same in Labor by the first of next June and those who have worked out more than their part may be allowed the same out of the Tax for the present year producing proper certificates——

Voted that Mes^{r} Thos Stearns James Brown & Tyrus Rice be a Comitte to put and keep the Parsonage Buildings & Fences into good repair and to Keep them so till further order and that said Comitte take into Consideration the ninth article of the warrant relateing to William Mahan Junr his desire to purchase a small Peice of the School Land adjoyning to his Land and they are desired to consider thereof under under all the circumstances attending the same Especially as the Revd Mr Maccarty has a claim thereto and the same was by the Town in may Last voted to be fenced—and that said Comitte Report at the next meeting what they may apprehend best for the Town to do therein

The aforegoing votes passd at said meeting

Att^{s} John Chandler Mod.

Recorded ℔ Tim^{o}. Paine Town Clerk—

Worcester ss march 18th. 1754

I Certifie that Each and Every of the Persons elected as Town officers at the annual meeting this Day held in the Town of Worcester as named in the within vote or List (Excepting Jonathan Gates Junr Benjamin Crosby & adonijah Rice) each of them were duly sworn to the faithfull discharge of their respective Dutys & Trust agreeable to Law and at the same Time Each of them took the oath prescribed in the act of the 22^{d} year of his majestys Reign Relateing to the Bills of Credit of the other Governments[1]

Att^{s} J Chandler Just Pac.

Entred from ye orig^{l} being wrote upon the original votes of S^{d} meeting ℔ Tim^{o} Paine Town Clerk

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[1] Extract from the Massachusetts Province Laws of 1748——

"And whereas Bills of Credit have been the only medium of Trade within this Government for many years past, and the Bills of Connecticut, New-

June 10th 1754 Jona. Gates Jr and Benjamin Crosby Hogreaves have since been sworn att^{s} Timo. Paine T C

Memorandum of several Roads Laid out vizt. a Road to accomodate Josiah Peirce through mr Samuel Eatons Land as follows begining at a heap of stones by the side of a Post in the west Line of said Peirce and from thence to run westerly over a Little Bridge and from thence to a white oak markd and from thence by the side of the fence to the cross Fence south of his Barn and from thence by the House of said Eaton into the Lane said Eaton hath fenced for his own conveniency and from thence by markt Trees and as the way is now used to the Country Road the Road to be one Rodd half wide Except in the Lane aforesaid where it is to be of ye same wedth it now is. the marks are on the northwesterly side the Road

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Hampshire, and Rhode-Island, have passed promiscously with the Bills of this Government, and the Inhabitants of this Government will be liable to greater Evils than they have ever yet suffered, if the Bills of those Governments continue current in this Province:

"Be it further enacted, That if any Person from and after the thirty-first Day of March One Thousand seven Hundred and fifty, shall account receive take or pay any Bill or Bills of Credit of either of the Governments of Connecticut, New-Hampshire, or Rhode-Island, in discharge of any Contract or Bargain or for any valuable Consideration whatsoever, every such Person so accounting, receiving taking or paying the same, shall forfeit the sum of fifty Pounds for every offence, to be recovered and applied in like Manner with the Forfeiture or Penalty for receiving or paying Silver Coin at any higher Rate than is regulated by this Act."

The following was the oath administered to all those holding office under the crown in the province, town officers, plaintiffs in suits at law, innholders and others:

"You A. B. do in the Presence of GOD, solemnly declare, that you have not since the last Day of March 1750, wittingly and willingly, directly or indirectly, either by yourself or any for or under you, been concerned in receiving or paying within this Government, any Bill or Bills of Credit of either of the Governments of Connecticut, New-Hampshire or Rhode-Island. So help you GOD."

Neglect or refusal to take the oath was punishable by a fine.

We also Laid a Road to accomodate Ezekiel How John Knight and Tim° Knight as follows begining at the County Road Southerly of John Knights House at a heap of stones and to run Southerly and by marked Trees through said John Knight Land to Tim° Knights Land and Runing through his Land by marked Trees till it comes to Land of Edward Knight and from thence through his Land by marked Trees and across Burnt Coat Plain to the County Road where they meet at the shading Place. the Road to Lye on the Easterly and Southerly side the marks and to be Two Rods wide

We have also laid a Road to accomodate James How Edward Knight and Daniel Knight as follows begining at the County Road at the northwest corner of said Hows stone wall and Runing to the Brook as the way is now Trod to the Bridge the Bridge to Lye on the North side of the Road and from thence to an oak staddle marked in or near the Line of How and Knights Land and from thence continueing westward to a heap of stones then to turn Southerly on the Brow of the Hill to an oak stump faced on the North side said stump, said stump to be on the south side the Road and from thence westerly as the way is now Trod to said Knights House and from thence to run in the Lane to a Red oak marked and from thence to a Popple by the side of a Brook and so over the Brook to a Chesnut Tree marked and from thence the same course to a Red oak marked and from thence to a Large Rock and from thence to a Red oak and from thence to the County Road near the House of Josiah Flagg the Road from said Knights to Run through the Land of the Heirs of Col : Heath and the Land of Col : Hatch all the marks Except the first mentioned and the oak stump to Lye on the north side the Road aforesaid the Road to be Two Rods wide

Worcester Febuary 5th 1754 — John Chandler Jr, Daniel Heywood, Daniel Ward } Selectmen of Worcester

Att an annual Town meeting held at Worcester march 18th 1754 Voted that the aforegoing Roads or ways be accepted and approved as private ways & Recorded so that the Town be at no Charge in Purchased [*sic*] them att[e] J Chandler mod.

Recorded ℔ Tim° Paine Town Clerk

Att a general Town meeting held at Worcester may 20th 1754 at said meeting John Chandler Junr Esq was Chosen modr atts Timo Paine Town Cler

Att said meeting Voted that ye following sums in Lawfull money be granted to and for ye following purposes vizt

	£	s	d
To John Chandler Esq for 16 Rattle snake Tails	£0:	8:	0
To Elisha Smith Junr for 150 feet of Plank		8:	0
To William mcfarland for three rattle snake Tails		6:	6
To Jacob Hemenway for 250 feet of Plank		13:	4
To Tyrus Rice for Plank for Tatmans Bridge & Holmes Bridge 6/ and for one Days work at mr mcCartys Barn 2/		8:	0
To Francis Smith for 75 feet of Plank	0:	4:	0
To Wm Johnson for an Iron Swivell & Ears to mr maccartys Bucket	0:	2:	0
To John Chandler Jr for a Record Book he bought for ye Town	0:	11:	0
To Jabez Sargent for 50 Bricks for mr mcCartys oven & tending ye mason and finding Clay	0:	2:	4 ¾
To Tyrus Rice for 1 & ½ Day mending ye Parsonage fence finding Post and Hanging ye Gate	0:	4:	0
To Thomas Richardson for John Hart James Ball Richard Heard John mcquire and Daniel Greenwoods Rates	0	19	0
To Elisha Smith Jr for alexander Clarks Rates		14	3
To Israel Jenison as Constable for 1749 for Eb. stearns Rates £ 2: 2: 3½ Last Emission in Lawfull money	1	2	6 ½
To Thomas Richardson for James Glassfords Rates		7	6
To Thomas Richardson for part of Capt John Stearns Rates in Consideration of distressing sickness he hath had in his famlly the Last year		15	4 ½
To the Support of ye School to be disposed of in ye same proportion as ye Last year	60	0	0
To the Revd mr mcCarty for his Sallary ye year Ensueing	80		
In all one hundred forty seven Pounds & Ten pence half penny	£147	0	10 ¾

The aforesaid sums being one hundred and forty seven Pounds and Ten pence 3/4 Lawfull money voted to be Levied and assessed by the assessors according to Law on the Poles & Estates in ye Town and paid in the Town Treasury one half by ye 25th of next December and ye other half by ye first Day of march following and to be paid for ye above uses and the Sallary granted to ye Revd mr maccarty be made into a Distinct and Separate Tax

Voted that the Report of the Comitte on the accounts of John Chandler Jun Esq Town Treasurer be accepted and that he be discharged of the sum of one hundred sixty four Pounds thirteen Shillings and Two Pence Lawfull money and that he further account with the Town for ye sum of Eighteen Pound Sixteen Shillings and Eight Pence now in his Hands

The Comitte heretofore appointed for clearing ye Publick Land west of the Heirs of Judge Jenison and sowing ye same with grass made a verball Report that about Fifteen acres thereof was cleared Excepting some miery Places and that upon ye whole they are of opinion it would be most for ye benefit of the Town Either to Lease or sell the said Land considering ye Distance it Lyes from the Rev^d^ m^r^ maccarty and ye great Expense the Town must necessarily be at in clearing and fencing ye same whereupon it was voted that this Report be refferred to the next meeting for further Consideration

The Comitte appointed in march Last to take into Consideration the Request of W^m^ mahans desire to purchase a small Peice of the School Land adjoyning to his Land made Report that they had viewed the same under all the circumstances and are of opinion that it is not advisable for the Town to sell it which Report was accepted by ye Town

The foregoing votes Passed at Said meeting
att John Chandler Jr mod^r^

Recorded from ye orig^l^ votes of said meeting
att Tim^o^ Paine T. Cler.

[Extract from a warrant dated May 20, 1754.]

"To see if the Town will come into any method Either of Leasing or selling the ministerial Land Lying west of Land of the Heirs of Judge Jenison Dec^d^ containing about forty acres and if the[y] come into a vote for selling the same to appoint some proper Person or Persons to Petition the great and general Court for their Leave so to do—and to act thereon as the Town shall think proper Either to their Leasing or selling the same"

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester at their meeting to be held at Worcester may: 27th 1754

Gentlemen I understand that the occasion of your meeting is to come into some method Either to Lease or sell the ministerial Land Lying west of the Heirs of Judge Jenison Decd—I therefore Signifie my consent Either to your Leasing or selling ye same Provided if its Leased I may have the Rent thereof or if sold the Interest of the money arising by the sale thereof dureing my Continuance among you as your minister as by a vote of the Town ye Improvemt of said Land belonged to me

I am gent your well wisher

Thaddeus maccarty

Entred from ye origl & Examd ℔ Timo Paine T Cler

Worcester may 27th 1754 at a general Town meeting held at worcester on said [day?] at said meeting John Chandler Esqr was Chosen modr attst T Paine T Clerk

after some debate upon the article contained in the within warrant Relateing to the selling or Leasing the ministerial Land Lying west of Land of the Heirs of the Late Judge Jenison Decd—the said meeting was by vote adjourned to the first monday in Sept. next at three oClock P. M attst T Paine T. Cler

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att a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester the second Day of September by adjournment from ye 27th of may Last Past

The Town resumed the Consideration of ye Subject matter contained in ye wart and Passed the following votes thereon—viz.

Voted that the present Selectmen of this Town or the major Part of them be and they are hereby fully and absolutely Impowered In the name of ye Town to Lease out about forty acres of Land Called ministerial Land Lying west of and bounding East on Land of the Heirs of the Late Judge Jenison Decd. west on Land of the Heirs of Joshua Rice Late of marlboro^. Decd. South on Land of majr Daniel Heywood & northerly on Land formerly belonging to Cornls waldo Esq now a Town or Private way (the

bounds to be first ascertained) for the Term of nine hundred and ninty-nine years and to set up the same at Six Pound Eight Shillings to be applied for ye support of ye Gospel ministry in this Town and the highest bidder to be the Lessee and whoever hires the same to give good and undeniable security to the acceptance of the Selectmen or the major part of them for punctually paying the Rent annually at the time to be prefixed in the Lease

That for Enabling the Selectmen to Lease the same and for managing for the future all maters Relateing thereto it was voted that the present Selectmen or the major part of them and their successors as Selectmen for the time being or the major part of them forever hereafter dureing said Lease be and continue a Comitte fully Impowered for the Purposes aforesaid by the Name of the Comitte for Leasing out part of the ministerial Lands in Worcester and by such Name to bear and hold Perpetuall Succesion for the purposes aforesaid

It was further voted that the Lesse shall be obliged in and by the Lease once in five years dureing the Continuance of said Lease or oftner if Required thereto by the Selectmen or major part of them to give such new security as may by said Selectmen be Judged necessary

It was further voted that if the Lessee at any time hereafter should Incline to pay Down a sum that the Interest thereof at six ℔ cent ℔ annum should be sufficient to raise a sum equal to the rent that in such Case the Selectmen for the time being or major part of them may receive the same and give a full and compleat Discharge for all after Demands for Rent saving one Ear of Indian Corn annually (if demanded) said money when Received to be Immediately applyed for Raising a sum Equall to the Rent aforesaid and applyed to the aforesaid purposes

It was also Voted that the Selectmen or the major Part of them be and they are hereby Invested with full Power & authority for perfecting and compleating all the aforegoing articles passd in the aforegoing votes and that the Town will from Time to Time and at all Times Indemnifie said Selectmen in their doings and Proceedings relateing to the Premises said Selectmen and their Suc-

cessors allways to be Subject to render an account of their said Proceedings at the annual meetings in the month of march dureing Said Lease and to be accountable for their doings Relative to ye Premises

and whereas m^r^ Thaddeus maccarty our present Revd Pastor has manefested his willingness to have said Land sold or Leased as the Town shall Judge Proper—therefore voted that dureing his Continuance in ye work of the ministry in this Town that the Rent or Interest arising annually as aforesaid be from Time to Time paid to him as he is Intitled to the Improvement of said Land by former votes and that spesial Care be taken in the Settling all Suceding ministers in this Town that they Relinquish all Claim to said Land they having the yearly Profit thereof arising as aforesaid

The aforegoing votes passd at said meeting

atts John Chandler mod^r^

Entred from ye orig^l^. ℔ T Paine Town Cler

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att a general Town meeting held at Worcester Sep^t^. 2^d^. 1754—

at said meeting John Chandler Esqr was Chosen mod^r^.

att^s^ Tim^o^ Paine T Cler

at said meeting voted unanimously that it is contrary to the mind of said Town that the act relateing to the Excise on the Private Consumption of Spiritous Liquors &c within this Province be passed into a Law and That John Chandler Jr Esq ye Representative of said Town use his utmost Endeavor to prevent the same

Voted that the following sums be granted to and for ye following purposes vizt

To Joseph Clark for 766 feet of Plank @ 5/4	£2: 0: 4
To Palmer Gouldlng Jr for ringing the Bell takeing care of the meeting House the Last year	2: 2: 8
To John Chandler Jr his account	10: 3
	£4 13: 3

Voted that the aforegoing sum of four Pound thirteen shillings and three Pence together with the sum of Sixty seven Pounds Ten

Pence 3/4 granted in may Last makeing in the whole Exclusive of the Rev^{d} m^{r} maccartys Sallary Seventy one Pound fourteen shillings and one Penny three farthings be Levied and assessed by the assessors according to Law on the Poles and Estates in the Town and made into one Tax that the sum of Eighty Pounds granted in may Last for the Rev^{d} m^{r} maccartys Sallary be accordingly assessed and made into a Distinct and Separate Tax—and one half of Each of the aforesaid sum be paid in the Town Treasurer by the 25th of next December and the other half by the first Day of march next and to be applyed for the use and Purposes for which they were Granted The foregoing votes Passd at S^{d} meeting

att^{s} John Chandler mod^{r}

Entred from ye orig^{l} votes ℔ Tim^{o} Paine Town Cler

Att a general Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester march 10th 1755 for the Choice of Town officers &c for ye year Ensueing

at said meeting The Hon: John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator atts Tim^{o} Paine Town Cler

att said meeting the following affairs were Transacted vizt

John Chandler Junr John Curtis Tim^{o} Paine Tyrus Rice Gardiner Chandler were Chosen Selectmen and assessors

Tim^{o} Paine Esq Town Clerk

John Chandler Jr Esq Town Treasurer

John Boyden and Joseph Wiley chose constables and in ye meeting Joseph Wiley procured Thomas Cowden to serve in his stead and ye Town voted him in Constable in the Room of the said Joseph Wiley

John Chadick sealer of Leather

major Daniel Heywood clerk of ye market and Surveyor of Boards & Shingles

[The remainder of the record of this meeting is lost. Three leaves are wanting in the volume.]

Att a general Town meeting held at Worcester may: 19th 1755 at said meeting the Hon. John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator atts Timo. Paine Town Cler

Att said meeting Voted that the following Sums in Lawfull money be granted to and for the following Purposes vizt

	£	s	d
To Robert Gray for 484 feet of Plank	1	5	10
To Jacob Hemenway for 360 feet Plank	0	19	2½
To Francis Smith for 476 feet of Plank	1	5	4
To James Barber for 230 feet of Plank	0	13	7
To Tyrus Rice for repairing ye Parsonage House & 75 feet Plank		9	0
To Samuel Eaton for white washing ye Parsonage House	0	4	0
To Daniel Hubbard Late Constable for Noah Harris Pole Tax being		8	10
To James Trowbridge 236 feet Plank for wards Bridge	0	12	6½
To Jabez Sargent for sweeping ye meeting House ringing Bell &c	2	2	8
To Daniel Hubbard Late Constable for Roger Stevens Pole Tax		8	10
To Samuel andrews Constable for ye year 1752 for Wm Farmers Rates	0	9	9
To Elisha Smith Junr Constable for ye year 1753 for Wm Farmers Rates		14	3
To Daniel Hubbard Constable for ye Last year for Wm Farmers Rates		9	7¾
To Jonas Woodward Constable for ye Last year for Nathl Bullards Rates	1	1	8
To Elisha Smith Junr for four Rattle snake Tails	0	2	0
To Daniel Hubbard Constable for ye Last year ye sum of nine shillings & three pence for John Rikey Francis Harvey Edwd Hair their Town Rates they being Inlisted into his majestys Service		9	3
To Thos Parker for 2 Rattle snake Tails	0	1	0
To Palmer Goulding Jr for mending ministers fence	0	3	0
To Robert Smith for 200 Plank	0	10	8
To the Support of ye School to be disposed of in ye same proportion as the Last year	75	0	0
To the Revd mr Thaddeus maccarty for his Sallary for ye year Ensueing	80	0	0
	168	1	0¾
To Josiah Peirce ye Sum of four Pounds to Enable him in some measure to pay for a Road from his Farm through the Land of Samuel Eaton	4		

The aforesaid sums amounting unto the whole the sum of Lawfull money was Voted to be Levied and assessed by the assessors according to Law on the Poles and Estates in ye Town and paid into the Town Treasury one half by ye Twenty fifth Day of December next and ye other half by the first of march following and to be paid for the above uses

Capt Palmer Goulding prayed to have a grant made to him of so much as his Pole was Taxed at the Last year—Inasmuch as he is deprived of ye use of his Right arm and being put to vote it passed in ye negative

The Comitte appointed in march Last to Consider the Petition of James How and sixteen others relateing to the fixing of ye Quarter called Flaggs Quarter and the Place where the School should be Kept in said Quarter for ye future &c made Report That they had attended said service and their Judgment was that their ought to be Two School Houses and stand as follows vizt. one on ye Country Road where the Road from old mr Knights comes into ye Country Road near Josiah Flaggs and that the other ought to stand on the Road that Leads by Elisha Smiths near or on ye old seller where John Peibles formerly Lived as by S^d^ Report appears—after some Debate the Question was put whether the said Report should be accepted and it passed in ye negative

Voted that the Report of ye Comitte on ye accounts of John Chandler Junr Esq Town Treasurer be accepted and that he be discharged the sum of one hundred and fifty Eight Pounds 12/ 2^d^.¾ L. m : and that he further account with the Town for the sum of Eleven Pounds Eighteen Shillings & Seven pence Lawfull money (which is out standing in ye Constables Hands) when he Receives ye same The foregoing votes passd at S^d^ meeting

att^s^ J Chandler mod^r^

Entred from ye orig^l^ by Timo. Paine Town Cler

Worcester Sep^t^. 10 1755 at a general Town meeting held at Worcester after Legal warning The following affairs were Transacted John Chandler Junr Esq was Chosen moderator

atts Timo Paine Town Cler

Those of the Inhabitants that were Present that had not heretofore given a List of their Poles & Estates now gave them in to the assessors in order for a Just assessment

after some Debate the Question was put if the Town Reconsider their vote in may Last in granting the sum of Four Pounds Lawfull money to mr Josiah Peirce to Enable him to pay for a Road from his Farm through the Lands of Samuel Eaton & it passed in the affirmative & thereupon the Town voted that the same be not assessed on the Inhabitants the present year—Then the Question was put if the Town would give order to the Treasurer to pay ye same out of the money now in his hands & it passed in ye negative

Voted that the sum of Eleven Pounds Seventeen Shillings be granted & paid to the Town Treasurer to Enable him to pay the County Tax the Present year and that said sum together with those granted in may Last (Except the sum of £4– granted to mr Peirce to pay for his Road) be assessed and made into one Tax

The foregoing votes Passed at said meeting
atts John Chandler Jr moderator

The Foregoing Warrant & Transactions of S^d^ meeting Entred from ye original ℔ Timo Paine Town Cler

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To the Selectmen of the Town of worcester——Gentlemen I have taken into my House one Nathan Baldwin & his wife & their Children in the month of Novr. Last. they came from medford in the County of middsx—as to their Circumstances I have no knowledge off which I now Inform you off & desire you would Proceed with them as you think Proper

I am Gent. y^r^ Humble Servt
Worcester Feb. 9th 1756 Gard^r^ Chandler

Entred ℔ Tim^o^. Paine Town Cler.

Att a general Town meeting held at the meeting House in worcester the first Day of march 1756 for the Choice of Town officers &c for the year Insueing at said meeting John Chandler Junr Esqr was Chosen moderator Att^{s} Tim^{o} Paine Town Cler

agreeable to the Several articles Contained in the warrant the Following affairs were Transacted vizt

John Chandler Junr Esq, Capt Israel Jenison Tim^{o} Paine Esq majr Gardiner Chandler Josiah Brewer Esq were Chosen Selectmen & Assessors

Timo Paine Esq unanimously Chose Town Cler

John Chandler Junr Esq Town Treasurer

David Bancroft asa moore Constables

John Chadick Sealer of Leather

Daniel Heywood Esq Clerk of ye market & Surveyor of Boards and shingles

John Curtis Tyrus Rice John Boyden Saml mower Jr Josiah Brewer Esq Elisha Smith John Chandler Jr Esq Surveyors of Highway and Collectors of ye Highway Tax to be granted for this year

John Gates Daniel Wheeler Fence Viewers

Jacob Chamberlain James Goodwin Tythingmen

Samuel Andrews David Earl Samuel Curtis Josiah Brewer Jr Benj^{a} Crosbey Isaac willard Daniel m^{c}farland Hogreeves

Voted that the School be Kept in the same way and manner as they were the Last year and that John Chandler Junr. & Tim^{o} Paine Esq and mr Asa moore be a Comitte for provided [*sic*] a master for ye Center School

and that Jacob Chamberlain Daniel Ward Capt Jenison Elisha Smith Junr Josiah Brewer Esq and Francis Harrington be a Comitte for the Several Parts of the Town they Respectively Live in for providing School masters

Voted that Samuel mower Josiah Brewer Esq & Capt James Goodwin be a Comitte to settle accounts with the Town Treasurer and Report their Doings at the next Town meeting

Voted that the Incouragement for Killing of Wolves and Rattle Snakes as allowed & Voted the Last year be allowed & granted for ye Present year

Voted that the Sum of one hundred and Fifty Pounds Lawfull money be assessed and Levyed on the Poles and Estates in the Town in the same way and manner as was voted in the annual meeting held the fourth of march: 1750/1 to be Expended in Building Bridges & Causways mending and Repairing decayed ones and putting the Roads and ways into repair the present year and that the same wages be allowed and Rules followed in all Regards as was voted at said meeting and the Selectmen to direct in giving orders to ye Surveyors to allow Persons to work so as may best accomodate them having a general Regard to ye publick Benefit and such Persons if any there be who have not paid their Highway Tax for the Last year may Discharge the same in Labor by ye first of next June and Those who have worked out more then their part may be allowed for the same out of ye Tax for the Present year producing proper Certificates

The Selectmen of The Town being ye Comitte for Leasing out the ministeriall Land Lying west of the Land of the Heirs of Judge Jenison Dec^d^. Reported that they had Rec'd the first years Rent for the same and agreeable to a vote of the Town had paid ye same to the Rev^d^. m^r^. m^c^Carty and took his Rec^t^ accordingly which Report being read voted that ye same be accepted and that the S^d^ Selectmen be discharged from ye first years Rend [*sic*]

Voted that the Swine may go at Large they being yoked and Ringed according to Law

The Selectmen made Return of Sundry Road Laid out by them vizt. a Road Laid out to ye Farm belonging to John Chandler Junr Esq. begining at his house where John Johnson now dwells and to Extend Easterly to a Large Chesnut Tree marked and from thence to Daniel m^c^farlands Corner and from thence to a small Black oak marked and from thence to a white oak marked and from thence to another white oak marked and from thence by marked Trees to the Road called Smiths Road. the markt Trees to stand on the northerly side said Road and to be Two Rods wide Laid out Janry 10th. 1756

Voted that the aforegoing Road or way be accepted and approved as a private way & Recorded so that ye Town be at no charge in purchasing ye Land

Voted that the Consideration of the Road Laid from Eben^r^ Flaggs Land to ye County Road through the Land of the Heirs of Joseph Heath Esq Dec^d^ as also the Road Leading from Elisha Smiths to John Fisks through the Land of ye Heirs of John Brooks Dec^d^ be reffered to ye adjournment of this meeting

Voted that the Road formerly Laid between the House of James Barber and ye Land of Ebenezer Flagg be discontinued and that in Lieu thereof the Road as Laid out by ye Selectmen in Novr Last and now Returned vizt begining at ye Corner of said Flagg Fence and to run as the way is now Trod and by marked Trees to the House of James Barber Two Rods wide and Lying on the East side the marks be Confirmed and Recorded as a Town or Private way

agreeable to the Return of the Selectmen Voted that Inasmuch as the Road called Smiths Road that goes through Daniel mcfarland Land was Laid out in deep miery Land on the East side that the Said Road for ye Future Extend no farther East then ye Fence now stands, provided the said Daniel mcfarland moves his west fence so far west as to Leave the Road three Rods wide

Voted that the present Selectmen of this Town or the major Part of them be and they hereby are fully and absolutely Impowered in the Name of the Town to Lease out the School Land Lying near the House of William mahan Jun. Containing about Fifty acres bounded southerly partly on Land of William mahan and partly on Land of Zebediah Rice northerly on ministerial Land westerly on Land of Ebenezer Lovell Southwesterly upon Land of William mahan Jr and William mahan—The bounds to be first ascertained—for the Term of nine hundred and ninty nine years for the same the most [*sic*] will Fetch for ye yearly Rent thereof and the Rent to be paid into the Town Treasury annually to be applyed for the Support of a School in said Town and for no other purpose whatsoever, the Highest Bidder to be the Lesse and whoever hires the same to give good and undeniable security to the

acceptance of the Selectmen or major Part of them for punctually paying the Rent annually at ye time to be perfixed in the Lease

That for Enabling the Selectmen to Lease the same and for manageing for the future all maters Relateing thereto it was voted that ye Present Selectmen or ye major Part of them for ever hereafter dureing S^d^ Lease be & and Continue a Comitte fully Impowered for ye Purposes aforesaid

it was further Voted that the Lessee shall be obliged in and by ye Lease once in five years dureing ye Continuance of said Lease or oftner if Required by ye Selectmen or major part of them to give such new security as may by said Selectmen be Judged nessessary

It was further Voted that if the Lesse at any Time hereafter should Incline to pay down a sum that the Interest thereof at six per cent : per annum should be sufficient to raise a sum equal to ye Rent that in such case the Selectmen for the Time being or the major Part of them may receive the same and give a full & Compleat Discharge for all after Demands for rent saving one Ear of Indian Corn annually (if demanded) said money when Recd to be Immediately applyed for raising a sum Equal to the Rent aforesaid & applyed for ye purposes aforesaid it was Voted that the Selectmen or ye major part of them be and they are hereby Invested with full Power and authority for perfecting & Compleating all the foregoing articles passed in the foregoing votes and that the Town will from Time to Time Indemnifie said Selectmen in their Doings and Proceedings relateing to ye Premises and Selectmen and their Successors always to be Subject to render an account of their said Proceedings at their annual meetings in the month of march dureing S^d^ Lease & to be accountable for their doings Relative to ye Premises

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to ye third monday in may next at Two oClock P M : and then the said meeting was adjourned accordingly

The foregoing Votes pasted at said meeting
atts John Chandler Jun moderator

Worcester ss. march : 1st. 1756 Each of the Persons Elected and Chose Town officers at ye annual meeting this Day held in the Town of Worcester as mentioned in the within Votes or List (Excepting the Town Clerk Town Treasurer and Timo Paine Esq one of ye assessors. Benja. Crosby a hogreeve Jona. Gates Fence Viewer & asa moore Constable) were duely Sworn to ye faithfull Discharge of their respective Dutys and Trust. and also took ye oath relateing to the Bills of Credit of ye neighbouring Governments by act. 27. Geo. 2d. appointed to be Taken

Before me Timo Paine Just Pacs

Worcester ss march : 3d 1756. asa moore took ye oath of a Constable and ye oath relateing to the Bills of Credit of ye neighbouring Governments Before Timo Paine Just Pacs

Worcester ss march : 10th 1756 Timo Paine Esq Chosen Town Clerk and assessor for ye Town of Worcester the year Ensueing was this Day duely Sworn to ye Faithfull Discharge of the respective Trusts—and also took ye oath relateing to ye Bills of Credit of the neighbouring Governments by act : 27 : Geo : 2d. appointed to be taken Before me Duncan Campbell Just Pacs

Worcester ss march 11th 1756 John Chandler Jr Esq Town Treasurer was sworn to ye faithfull Discharge of said Trust and took ye money [*sic*] by act 27. Geo. 2 : appointed to be Taken

Before me Timo Paine Just. Pacs

Worcester ss march : 22 : 1756 John Gates being Chosen a Fence Viewer for the Town of Worcester for this year was Sworn to ye faithfull Discharge of his office & took ye oath relateing to Bills of Credit of ye neighbouring Governments by act. 27 Geo appointed to be taken Before me Timo Paine Just Pacs

Entred from ye orgl. votes &c—Examd ℔ Timo Paine Town Cler

Att a Town meeting held at worcester the 17th Day of may 1756 by the votable Inhabitants thereof by adjournment from the first Day of march Last

The following affairs were Transacted vizt

Isaac moore Jonas ward Chose Deer Reeves

John Gates Daniel Hubbard feild Drivers

The matter Contained in the 8th & 9th articles of the original warrant relateing to the Roads Laid out through the Land belonging to the heirs of Joseph heath Esq Decd and the Lands belonging to mr John Brook Voted that the Consideration thereof be reffered to the adjournment of this meeting

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first monday in September next at Two oClock in the afternoon

The foregoing votes passed at Sd meeting

atts John Chandler Junr moderator

Worcester ss may 17th 1756 I Certify that the above named Isaac moore Jonas ward Deer Reeves & John Gates & Daniel Hubbard feild Drivers were duely Sworn to ye faithfull Discharge of their respective offices and at ye same Time took ye oath by Law reqd Relateing to ye other Governments Bills of Credit

Coram J Chandler Jus Pacs

Att a Town meeting duely warned and held at worcester the 17th may 1756 by ye Votable Inhabitants thereof at said meeting the Hon. John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator

atts Timo Paine T Cle

Voted that the following Sums be granted to ye following Persons vizt

To William mahan Jr. for mending fence for mr mcCarty in the year 1754 & 1755	0	6	0
To Thos Cowden for Conveying John mcWaten to Shrewsby by vertue of a warrant from ye Hon J Chandler Esq		16	0
To Thomas Cowden for Denni[s?] obrian & James Briants Taxes	1	10	11
To Ditto for James moore sons Pole Tax he being under age when Rated	0	15	5½
To Tyrus Rice in full of his acct for work done abt ye Parsonage & Plank for Bridges	1	2	0
To Ebenr. Wiswall for mending windows in ye meeting House &c	1	19	6

To Willm Johnson for work Done to mr mcCartys well & mending ye Bell		6	8
To Daniel Hubbard Constable for 1754 for moses Dolittles Taxes		8	9¾
To Josiah Brewer Esq for ye Plank for ye Bridges over half way River	1	0	0
To John Boyden Constable for 1755 the whole of Joshua Bancrofts Rates	1	6	3½
To John Chandler Jr for makeing stone chimney in the School House and finding all the materials & Paying ye Workmen	1	2	5
To John Chandler Junr for Repairing ye Pound		3	5
To John Gates for a Days work mending Parsonage fence		2	0
To Nathl moore Junr for 2 feet of Plank for Bridges		10	0
To Jabez Sargeant for Ring the Bell takeing care of and sweeping meeting [House] one year	2	2	8
for the Support of the Schools one year	75	0	0
for the Sallary of ye Revd mr Thads maccarty one year	80	0	0
	£168	12	1¾

Voted that the same Comitte take under Consideration the account of Thomas Stearns for Boarding the Schoolmaster in ye year 1752 and Report what they think proper for ye Town to do thereon at the adjournment of this meeting

The Comitte appointed in march Last to Examine the Town Treasurers account reported that they had not finished the matter there upon Voted that the Consideration of the 2d article of the warrant be continued to the adjournment of this meeting—upon the fifth article in the warrant after some Debate voted that the sum of Two Pounds 13/4 belonging to the Poor of the Town & now in the Treasury be put into the Hands of ye Selectmen for ye Support of margaret Ditty—and that the Sd Selectmen take an Inventory of her Effects in her Hands

Voted that the present Selectmen of ye Town of worcester or ye major part of them by and with the Consent and leave of ye Revd mr Thaddeus maccarty ye present minister be and they hereby are fully and absolutely Impowered In the name of the Town to Lease to mr James Putnam of worcester for such Rent as they shall Judge reasonable about one acre of ministeriall Land Lying Southerly of

ye County Road and adjoyns to ye School Lott now in his Possession and bounds South Easterly on Land of Zebadias Rice and northerly and northeasterly on ye Country Road and is divided from the ministeriall Lott by S^d^ Road for ye Term of 999 years— The said James Putnam giving Security to ye acceptance of ye said Selectmen or major part of them for ye punctually paying the Rent that they shall agree upon which is to be applyed for ye Support of ye Gospell ministry in S^d^ Town the said Selectmen or ye major part of them or their Successors in said office for the time being or the major part of them for Ever hereafter during S^d^ Lease be and Continue a Comitte for ye purpose aforesaid by ye name of ye Comitte for Leasing out part of the ministeriall [land] in worcester adjoyning to ye School Lott and by that name to bear and hold perpetuall Succession but if the said James should Incline at any [time] hereafter to pay down a sum that the Int: thereof at six per cent per annum should be sufficient to raise a sum equal to ye Rent that may be agreed upon that then the Selectmen or major part of them may Receive the same and give a Discharge for all after Rents Except an Ear of Indian Corn if demanded and S^d^ money when Rec^d^ be Immediately applyed for raising a sum equall to the Rent and applyed for ye Purposes aforesaid

The said Selectmen and their Successors to be accountable to the Town in the month of march at ye annual meeting dureing S^d^ Lease for their doings Relative to ye Premises and that the Town will from Time to Time and at all Times Indemnifie the said Selectmen in their doings and proceedings relative to ye Premises and they are hereby Invested with full Power & authority for perfecting & Compleating the said Lease agreeable to ye foregoing Votes— and also voted that Special Care be Taken in the Settleing all succeeding ministers in the Town that they Relinquish their claim to said acre of Land they having ye profit thereof arising as aforesaid

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to this first monday in September next at Two oClock afternoon

The foregoing Votes passd at S^d^ meeting
att^s^ J: Chandler mod^r^

Att a Town meeting held at Worcester at the meeting House by the Votable Inhabitants of said Town by adjournment from the 17th Day of may to the first monday of September 1756

Voted that John Chandler Junr Esq be the moderator of this meeting in the Room of the Honble John Chandler Esq who is absent

Voted that the Said meeting be further adjourned to ye 13th of September Currant at 3 °Clock P. M

atts John Chandler Jr moderator

Recorded & Examd by Timo Paine Town Cle

Att a Town meeting held at worcester at the meeting House by ye votable Inhabitants of Sd Town by adjournment from ye 17th Day [of] may 1756 to the first monday in September 1756 and from then to the 13th Day of ye same September

at Sd meeting the following affairs were Transacted vizt

Granted to Thos Stearns for Boarding mr Henry Gardner thirteen weeks @ 5/4 per weak in ye year 1752	3:	9	4
The Comitte appointed on ye account of Francis Harrington relateing to Kesiah morse was Read & not accepted & thereupon voted that the said Harrington be allowed 32/ in full for his said account	1:	12	0
	£5:	1	4

Voted that margaret Ditty be Recd as the Towns Poor provided Capt James moore Entertain her at a reasonable Lay at his House or some other Convenient Place in the Town till next march and that Sd moore relinquishes his grant of Two Pounds 13/4 made him in may Last towards Supporting her

Voted that the Report of ye Comitte on the accounts of John Chandler Jr Esq Town Treasurer be accepted and that he be Discharged the sum of one hundred and Eighty six Pounds 4/6¼ Lawfull money & that he further account with the Town for ye sum of £5 : 12 : 1½ out standing in ye Constables Hands when he Receives ye same The foregoing votes passd at Sd meeting

atts John Chandler Jr moderator

Recorded & Examd by Timo Paine Town Cle

Att a Town meeting held at worcester by ye Votable Inhabitants of said Town on the 13th Day of September 1756 at said meeting John Chandler Junr Esqr was chosen moderator

attst Timo Paine Town Cler

at Sd meeting the following affairs were Transacted vizt

Those of the Inhabitants that were present that had not given in a List of their Estate in order for an Equitable Tax or assessment then gave ye same in to ye assessors

Voted that the sum of Eleven Pound seventeen shillings be granted to John Chandler Junr Town Treasurer to Enable him to pay ye County Tax	£11: 17 0
Voted that the sum of Twenty Two pounds be granted to ye Selectmen to Enable them to purchase a Town Stock of ammunition &c	22: 0 0
Voted that ye Sum of Six Pounds be granted to ye Selectmen to procure a Decent Burying Cloth	6
	£39: 17 0

Voted that the foregoing sums Together with those heretofore granted & not yet assessed be assessed on the Poles and Estates in the Town in one Tax and paid into ye Town Treasury one half thereof by ye 25th of December next and ye other half by ye first of march 1757 and to be paid for ye uses for which they were granted

The foregoing Votes passd at Sd meeting

attst J. Chandler Junr modr

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att a Town meeting held at Worcester by the Voatable Inhabitants of said Town on the twenty fourth day of January: 1757 at said meeting House John Chandler Junr Esqr. was Chosen moderator attst Israel Jenison Josiah Brewer Select men

att said meetind the following affairs was Transacted vizt. the Select men Returned a list of the persons Lyable by Law and which they Judged able and well Qualifyed to serve on the Petit Jurors a greeable to a law of this Province made in the Present year of his majestys Reign Entituled an act for the Better Regulating the Choice of Petit Jurors which is as follows vizt

James Brown	Elisha Smith Junr	John Gates
Robert Barber	Stephen Sawing	James Goodwin
John Barber	Joseph Temple	John Goddard
Jeremiah Beath	Israel Jenison	mathew Gray
Thomas Cowdin	Ebenezer Lovel	Daniel Heywood
Jacob Chamberlain	asa moore	Josiah Herington
Ephraim Doolittle	Samll mower Junr	Jacob Holmes
Samuel Eaton	Thomas Wheeler	Francis Herington
David Earl	Ebenezer Willington	Noah Jones
Ebenezer Flagg	Joseph Willey	Natll moore Junr
Josiah Flagg	william youńg	James Nichols
John Fisk Junr	Charles Adams	Nathan Perry
Isaac Gleason	Nathll Adams	absolom Rice
Simon Gates	Samuel Andrews	Gershom Rice Junr
Jacob Hemingway	Joshua Biglo	Tyrus Rice
Ezekiel How	Daniel Boyden	Thomas Richardson
Daniel Hubbard	John Boyden	John Stowell
Solomon Johnson Junr	David Bancroft	Cornelius Stowell
Isaac moore	Benja Chapin	Jonathan Stone
William mcfarland	John Chadwick	Thomas Wheeler
Samll miller Junr	Benja Flagg	Daniel Ward
Josiah Peirce	Benja Fisk	Ebenezar Wiswell
Thomas Stearnes	Palmar Goulding	Joseph Clark

at said meeting the Question was Put wither the Town accepted of the foregoing List and It Passed in the affirmative

Attᵉ John Chandler Junʳ moderator

Entred ℈ Timo Paine T Cle

Att a general Town meeting held at the meeting House in worcester the Seventh Day of march 1757 at nine oClock A M for the Choice of Town officers &c for the ensueing year by the Votable Inhabitants of Sᵈ Town of Worcester

Att said meeting the Honᵇˡᵉ John Chandler Esq was Chosen modʳ Attᵉ Timᵒ Paine Town Cler

agreable to the Several articles contained in the warrant the following affairs were Transacted vizt

John Chandler Jr Esq Tim° Paine Esq m^r William young Capt. Israel Jenison & m^r asa moore were Chosen Selectmen & assessors for ye year Ensueing

Tim° Paine Esq Chosen Town Clerk

John Chandler Jr Esq Town Treasr

Capt Daniel ward m^r John Chaddick & mr Daniel Hubbard overseers of ye Poor

James Nickols and Jacob Chamberlain Chose Constables and in ye meeting James Nickols procured Thomas Richardson to serve in his Room and the Town voted him in Constable in S^d Nickols Room

John Chadick Sealer of Leather

Daniel Heywood Esq Clerk of ye market & Surveyor of Boards & Shingles

Thomas Rice John Boyden John Chandler Jr Daniel Hubbard Jacob Hemenway Samuel mower Jr Robert Barber Joseph Clarke Francis Harrington Surveyors of Highways & Collectors of ye Highway Tax to be granted for this year

John Gates Phinehas ward Fence Viewers

John Gates Daniel Hubbard feild Drivers

John Chaddick Junr W^m mcfarland Deer Reeves

James Goodwin Daniel Boyden Tythingmen

Benj^a Crosby Isaac Willard Comfort Rice ob ward Josiah Peirce Charles Davenport Jr James Hamilton Hog reeves

Voted that the School be Kept in ye same way & manner as they were the Last year and that John Chandler Junr and Tim° Paine Esqr & mr Samuel Andrews be a Comitte for providing a master for ye Center School and that Jacob Chamberlain Daniel Ward Capt Jenison Elisha Smith Junr Joseph Clark & Francis Harrington be a Comitte for the several Parts of the Town they respectively Live in for providing School masters

Voted that [the] sum of Seventy five Pounds be granted for ye Support of the Schools to be disposed of in the same proportion as ye Last year

Voted that mr Samuel mower Josiah Brewer Esq & Capt James Goodwin be a Comitte to settle accounts with the Town Treasurer and Report ther Doings at the next Town meeting

Voted that the Sum of one hundred and Fifty Pounds Lawfull money be assessed and Levyed on the Poles and Estates in the Town in ye same way & manner as was Voted at the annual meeting held the fourth of march 1750/1 to be Expended in Building Bridges & Causways mending & repairing decayed ones & putting the Roads and ways into repair the present year and that the same wages be allowed and Rules followed in all regards as was voted at S^d^ meeting and the Selectmen to direct in giving orders to the Surveyors to allow to persons to work so as may best accomodate them having a general Regard to ye Publick Benefit and such Persons if any there be who have not paid their Highway Tax for ye Last year may Discharge the Same in Labor by ye first of next June and those who have worked out more than their proportion may be allowed for ye same out of ye Tax for ye Present year producing proper Certificates

The Selectmen of ye Town being the Comitte for Leasing out the ministerial Land Lying west of ye Land of ye Heirs of Judge Jenison Dec^d^ reported that they had rec^d^ the second years Rent for ye same & agreeable to a vote of the Town had paid the same to ye Rev^d^ mr maccarty and took his Receipt accordingly and that the Capitall Sum still remains in the Hands of Daniel Heywood Esq mess asa moore and Saml Andrews which report being read Voted that the same be accepted and that the said Selectmen be Discharged from ye 2^d^ years Rent.

The Selectmen of the Town being the Comitte for Leasing out the School Land Lying adjoyning to Land of W^m^ mahan Junr for the Term of 999 years Reported that agreable to the Votes of S^d^ Town in march Last they on ye 29th Day of ye same march Leased the same to mr James Putnam for ye yearly Rent of Five Pounds he being the highest Bidder and the said Putnam agreable to the votes of S^d^ Town hath paid into the the hands of S^d^ Selectmen Such a sum of money as the Interest thereof at six per cent per annum is Sufficient to Raise the Rent afores^d^ and that they have

given S^d^ Putnam a Discharge for all after Rents and the said sum so paid they have put out on Interest to mess. David Baldwin of Leicester asa Baldwin of Spencer & Jon^a^. Wheelock of ye Country Gore to Raise the Rent aforesaid which Report being read Voted that the same be accepted and that the S^d^ Five Pounds when Rec^d^ be disposed of in the same proportion for ye use of Schools in S^d^ Town as other Grants for Schooling are

Voted that the Swine in S^d^ Town go at Large they being yoked and ringed according to Law

The Selectmen made return of Several Roads Laid out by them vizt a Bridle way to accomodate micah Johnson through the Land of william young and Solomon Johnson J^r^ till it comes to Land Leading to Deacon Wheelers through Gates as follows vizt beginning at the House of S^d^ Johnson and thence Extending to a white oak Tree marked in the Line between S^d^ Johnson and young and from thence to youngs House the House to be on the west side the Road and from thence to the northwest corner of S^d^ youngs Barn & from thence to a white oak stadle marked in the Line between S^d^ young and Solomon Johnson Jr and from thence to a white oak Tree marked and from thence to a pine Staddle in the Road that Leads to Deacon Wheelers the marks to be on the Easterly side the Road & to be Two Rods wide

also a Road Leading from Isaac Willards to Sutton Line through the Land of Jonas woodward begining in the Line of S^d^ Willards Land & runing to the Lane towards said woodwards House the fence on Each Side to be the Line of the Road to his House and from thence Extending to ye Southwest Corner of his Barn and from thence to a heap of Stones in the Town Line the Two Last marks to Lye on the Northerly side the Road the Road to be Two Rods wide—which returns being read Voted that Inasmuch as the said Wm young & Jonas woodward through whose Lands the said Laids are Laid are willing to give the same That the Returns of said Roads be accepted and that they be approved of as Private & Townways

Voted that the Consideration of the Roads Laid out to accomodate John mahan & Eben^r^ Lovel be Reffered to ye adjournment of this meetinge

Voted that the ministerial Land Containing about Eighty acres more or Less Lying in Worcester adjoyning to the Road Leading from the meeting house in worcester to mr obadiah wards with the Consent of ye Revd mr Thaddeus maccarty the Present minister of S^d^ Town be sold and that the Selectmen of said Town of worcester for the Time being or ye major Part of them be a Comitte with full Power to sell the said Land in behalf of S^d^ Town & give Warrantee Deed or Deeds for the same and the money arising by such sale to be Lett out at Interest and the Interest thereof be paid to ye Revd mr Thaddeus maccarty to Enable him to provide firewood for his family dureing his ministry

also voted that the sale of the same be publicky Notifyed and that the said Lands be sett up at one hundred Seventy Seven Pounds fourteen Shillings & Sixpence and that the said Town will warrant and defend any Person or Persons that purchase S^d^ Land from the Claims of all Persons and that the S^d^ Selectmen make Report of their Doing at the next Town meeting

A Petition of James Hart Thos Beard James wallis & Jonathan Stone shewing forth that they have Petitioned to ye Town of Leicester praying to be sett of with their Lands to ye Town of worcester in case this Town are willing to receive them—The said Petition being read thereupon the Question was put if the Town of worcester were willing to receive the S^d^ Petitioners in S^d^ Town provided the Town of Leicester are willing they should be sett off & it passed in ye affirmative

Voted that the School Lott Lying adjoyning to Land of william mahan Jr which was on ye 29th of march Last Leased to m^r^ James Putnam for 999 years be now sold to him In Consideration of ye sum of money which he has paid into the Hands of ye Selectmen the Lawfull Interest whereof amounts to five Pounds per annum and that the Selectmen of ye Town of Worcester for ye Time being be and they hereby are Impowered in behalf of S^d^ Town to pass and Execute a good warantee Deed of said Land to the S^d^ James Putnam his heirs & assigns for Ever

Voted that dureing the Time that John Young Kept the School in the Quarter called Goldings Quarter the present Winter he be

paid therefor according to ye agreement made with him and that the Treasurer be and he hereby is directed to pay the Remaining parts of the money to the Comitte man of S^d^ Quarter at such Time when the same shall be Expended in Schooling

The Question being put If the Town grant a proper sum of money out of the Town Treasury to ye Quarter called Goldings Quarter Sufficient to pay for Ten weeks Schooling being for Schooling they Lost some Time Since & it passed in the Negative

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to ye 16 Day of may next at Two of ye Clock in the afternoon and then the said meeting was adjourned to the meeting House accordinglye

The foregoing Votes passd at S^d^ meeting
att^s^ John Chandler mod^r^

Worcester ss march 7th 1757 I Certify that all the Persons herein named (Excepting Benj^a^ Crosbey a Hogreave) to whom an oath by Law is req^d^ to be adm^d^ were duely Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of ye Respective offices to which they were Chose & also took ye oath by Law reqd Relateing to ye Bills of Credit of ye Neighbouring Governments

Sworn Before me John Chandler Jus Pac

Worcester ss 22 march 1757 Benj^a^ Crosbey Sworn as above
Before me Tim^o^ Paine Just Pac

Entred ℔ Timo Paine Town Cler

Att a Town meeting held at worcester on ye 16th of may 1757 at Two of the Clock in the afternoon by adjournment from the Seventh of march Last

The Town took into Consideration the Road Laid out Through Ebenezer Lovels Land to accomodate John mahan by the Selectmen of worcester the 1st of march Last and after some Dabate Voted that the same be accepted & Recorded as a Town Road Provided the said John mahan Frees the Town from all cost and Charge for the future Either in purchasing said Land or in makeing & Keeping S^d^ Road in repair which Road as Laid out by Sd Se-

lectmen is Discribed thus—begining in the Line between said mahan & Eben[r] Lovel at a Black oak Tree marked thence Extending to a Chestnut Staddle thence to another Chesnut Staddle & thence to a maple Stadle by the side of Beaver Brook near the Line of Wm mahan Jr & from thence to a Pitch Pine Tree and from thence to a Black oak staddle and from thence to a Chesnut staddle and from thence to a white oak to mr James Putnams Line and from thence to a Pitch Pine Staddle on the Said Putnams Land and from thence on the Line between S[d] Putnam & William mahan Jr. to the Country Road all the Trees aforesd are marked & Two Chops on the Southwest side of the Tree the Road to be Two Rods wide and to Lye on the Southwest side of y[e] marks aforesaid

Voted that a Road Laid out by the Selectmen 1st of march 1757 Two Rods wide To accomodate Ebenezer Lovell through the Land of obadiah ward begining at the Northerly side of his said Lovels Land at the end of his stone wall at a clump of Chesnut Bushes from thence through Land of said ward Runing by a walnut & white oak Tree about 25 Rods untill it meets with y[e] Road Leading by said wards House be accepted & recorded as a private way Provided the Town be at no Charge in purchasing or makeing & maintaining Sd Road

Voted That the Hon[b]le John Chandler Esq be one of y[e] overseers of y[e] Poor for y[e] year Ensueing

Voted that Daniel Hubbard be a Collector of y[e] Publick Taxes on y[e] northerly side of y[e] Country Road for y[e] year Ensueing

The Town took under Consideration the Petition of James Hart &c of Leicester & Jonathan Stone of worcester praying that the Town of Worcester would receive them with their Estates unto said [town] Provided it please the General Court to sett them of from Sd Leicester & annex them To worcester The Question being put it passed In the affirmative

The foregoing Votes passd at Sd meeting
att[s] J Chandler mod[r]

Worcester ss 16 may 1757 Daniel Hubbard being Chosen a Collector of such publick Taxes as should be Comitted to him to

Collect on ye Northerly side of ye Country Road the Present year was Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of his Sd Trust and at the same Time took ye oath Relating to the Bills of Credit of the Neighbouring Governments

Before J Chandler Jus Pac

Worcester att a Town meeting regulerly warned & assembled at the meeting House in worcester on monday ye 16 may 1757 by ye Qualified Voters of said Town

att Sd meeting ye Hon John Chandler Esq was Chose modr

Voted that the following Sums be granted for ye purposes hereafter mentioned

To Noah Jones For Two Ladders for ye parsonage House	0	8	0
To Jabez Sargeant for Ringing the Bell Sweeping the meeting House takeing Care of ye same & providlng water for Baptisms for one year the sum	2	2	8
To David Bancroft Constable for ye year 1756 for Rayham Bancroft Pole Tax he being rated Twice		16	7
To the Revd mr Thaddeus mcCarty for his present years Sallary the Sum of	80	0	0
To Samuel Eaton for Building a Stone Chimney & Laying Hearths in ye Parsonage House six Days work & for Carting a Load of Clay	0	19	0
To Ebenr Flagg for 12⌣ Bricks & Carting one Load for the Parsonage House	1	1	4
To asa moore for a crane for ye Parsonage House	0	15	0
To the widow of the Late Capt James moore Decd for takeing Care & Supporting margaret Ditte a poor Person	3	4	0
To the admr on Capt James moore Decd Estate for Supporting margaret Ditty 6 weeks by ye Desire of ye Town		16	0
To the overseers of ye Poor of the Town of Worcester to Enable them to Support the Poor of ye Town for ye year Ensueing and for past Charges	5	4	0
To Ignatius Goulding ye sum of 11/7 for his Taxes in ye year 1756 he being Rated at Brookfield & paid his Taxes there as by Certificate	0	11	7

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Brought over	95	18	8
To asa moore Constable for ye Last year for Joshua Smiths Pole Tax	·0	16	7
To David Bancroft Constable ye Last year for the whole of Daniel Biglos Rates	1	8	11½
To Jonas woodward Constable for ye year 1755 part of Daniel Biglos Rates	0	8	0
To Ditto for Joseph Boydens Rates		10	8
	99	2	10½

The Comitte appointed by the Town in march Last to Examine the Town Treasurers account made Report which was Read & accepted and thereupon Voted that the said Treasurer be Discharged of ye sum of Two hundred & Six Pounds one penny three farthings and that the Ballance of his account due to ye Town being Eighteen Pound thirteen Shillings & Seven pence he to be accountable to ye Town for

The Selectmen reported Verbally Relateing to ye sale of the ministerial Land Lying adjoyning to ye Road Leading to Obadiah Wards that they had sett the same up to sale after due Notification to ye highest Bidder on ye 28th of march Last & John Chandler Junr Esq Bidding one hundred Seventy Seven Pounds fourteen Shillings & Sixpence Lawfull money and no one Bidding more Sold ye same to him & have taken Security for ye money arising by said sale agreable to ye votes of ye Town which report was accepted by the Town

Voted that ye west Front of ye School Land Lying between the Lands of Capt. Thomas Stearns and John Chandler Junr Homestead Extending so far East as the East Bounds of S^d^ Chandler Homestead be the same more or Less with the Consent of ye Rev^d^ mr Thaddeus maccarty the present minister of S^d^ Town be sold and that the Selectmen of S^d^ Town of worcester for the Time being or ye major Part of them be a Comitte with full Power to sell the same in behalf of S^d^ Town To such Person or Persons that will give most for ye same & give warrantee Deed or Deeds for ye same and ye money arising by such sale to be Lett out at Interest and the Interest thereof be paid to ye Revd mr m^c^Carty in Lieu of

the Improvement of said Land dureing his ministry and that the sale of ye same be publickly Notifyed and that the Town will warrant and defend any Person or Persons that Purchase ye same from the Claims of all Persons & that the Selectmen make report of their Doings to the Town at their next meeting after such sale

The foregoing Votes passd at meeting

atts J Chandler mod^r^

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Att a Town meeting of ye Votable Inhabitants of worcester regulerly assembled the 10th Day of october 1757 at the meeting House in Worcester at 3 oClock afternoon

Voted That the Hon : John Chandler Esq be moderator of S^d^ meeting

Voted that the sum of Eleven Pounds four Shillings & Eight pence be granted to John Chandler Junr Esq Town Treasurer To Enable him to pay ye County Tax

Voted That Deacon wheeler m^r^ Brewer Isaac moor Capt. John Stearns and Joshua Bigelow be a Comitte forthwith to repair to and View the parsonage House and report what is proper to be done to it about the Chimneys. The Said Comitte went & Viewed the same Returned & made a Verbal Report that it was their opinion that the Chimneys with Little Cost might be so repaired So as to secure the House from Fire and if the Divisions in the Chimneys were carried up to the Top and the Top of the Chimney Built higher it might prevent the Smoaking which report was accepted and Deacon Wheeler m^r^ Brewer & m^r^ Joshua Bigelow are appointed a Comitte to see the said Chimneys Effectually repaired as soon as may be

after some Debate Relateing to new Building or repairing the School House in the middle of ye Town

Voted that the further Consideration be putt off to ye adjournment of this meetinge

Voted That this meeting by [*sic*] adjourned to monday ye 17th Day of october Currant to this Place at four oClock afternoon and then the S^d^ meeting was adjourned accordingly

The foregoing Votes passd at S^d^ meeting

atts John Chandler mod^r^

Entred from ye orig^l^ Votes ℔ Tim^o^ Paine Town Cle

Worcester att a Town meeting held at worcester by the Qualified Voters of S^d^ Town on ye 17th of october 1757 at 4 : oClock afternoon by adjournment from the 10th Day of the same october

Voted That the Sum of Six Shillings & Eight pence Lawfull money be paid to Capt Daniel Ward for his Time Trouble & Expense and bringing & Carrying Home a midwife To the wife of william Farmer Late of worcester

Voted that the sum of Seventy five Pounds granted in march Last and the sum of ninty nine Pounds Two Shillings & Ten pence half penny granted in may Last Together with the sum of £11. 4. 8 granted at the first of this meeting for the payment of the County Tax Together with the above sum of Six Shillings & Eight pence now granted be assessed on the Poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of S^d^ Town of worcester & paid into the Town Treasury for the purposes for which they were granted one half by the 25th of Decr next & the other half by ye first of march 1758

[A warrant was issued on the 10th of October, 1757, calling a meeting "To vote a sum of money sufficient to build a School House in ye middle of the Town and to build and pay for those already Built in the several Quarters of ye Town" &c.]

Att a Town meeting held at the meeting [house] in worcester by the Qualified Voters of S^d^ Town the 17 of oct 1757 a 4 oClock P. M. The Honble John Chandler Esq was Chose moderator

att^s^ Tim^o^ Paine Cle

The Question being put if the Town would act on the Subject matter Contained in the warrant for Calling this meeting & it passed in the negative atts John Chandler mod[r]

Att a general Town meeting regularly warned & assembled at the meeting House in Worcester the sixth Day of march 1758 at Eight oClock A M. for the Choice of Town officers &c for the year Ensueing by the Votable Inhabitants of said Town of worcester

Att said meeting John Chandler Jun Esq was Chosen moderator

Att[s] Tim[o] Paine Town Cler

agreable to the Several articles contained in the warrant the following affairs were transacted—viz[t]

John Chandler Jun[r] Esq Tim[o] Paine Esq Cap[t] Israel Jenison mess Asa moore & William Young Selectmen & assessors

Tim[o] Paine Esq Town Cler

John Chandler J[r] Town Treasurer

Cap[t] John Curtis Cap[t] James Goodwin m[r] Nath[l] moores J[r] overseers of the Poor

Cornelius Stowell Ephraim mower Constables

John Chaddick Sealer of Leather

Daniel Heywood Clerk of the market & Surveyor of Boards & Shingles

Elisha Smith Jr. Daniel Boyden John Chandler Jr Daniel Hubbard Samuel mower Jr Robert Barber Joseph Clarke Francis Harrington John Stowell Surveyors of Highways & Collectors of the Highway Tax to be granted for y[e] Currant year

John Gates Phinehas Ward Fence Viewers

John Gates Francis Harrington Field Drivers

Ezekiel How Benj[a] Flagg Deer Reeves

Samuel miller Jun[r] John Gates Francis Harrington Tythingmen

Benj[a] Crosbey Joseph Clarke Isaac moore Josiah Peirce Samuel Bridge James Forbush Jr Isaac Willard Joseph Temple Hogreeves

Voted that the Schools be kept in the same way and manner as they were the Last year and that John Chandler Jr Tim° Paine Esq be a Comitte for providing a master for the Center School and that Jacob Chamberlain Thomas Richardson Capt John Curtis Robert Barber Jonathan Stone & Francis Harrington be a Comitte for the Several Parts of the Town they respectively Live in for providing School masters

also Voted that the Sum of Seventy five Pounds be granted for ye Support of the Schools to be disposed of in the same Proportion as the last year

Voted that Josiah Brewer Esq Capt James Goodwin & Capt John Curtis be a Comitte to Settle accounts with The Town Treasurer and report their Doing at the next Town meeting

Voted that the sum of Two hundred Pounds Lawfull money be assessed & Levied on the Poles and Estates in the Town in the same way and manner as was Voted at the annual meeting held the fourth of march 1750/1 to be Expended in Building Bridges & Causways mending & repairing decayed ones & putting the Roads and ways into Repair the present year and that the same wages be allowed and Rules followed in all regards as was Voted at S^{d} meeting and the Selectmen to direct in giving orders to the Surveyors to allow all Persons to work so as may best accomodate them having a general regard to the publick Benefit and such Persons if any there be who have not paid their Highway Tax for the Last year may discharge the same in Labor by the first of next June and those who have worked out more than their Proportion may be allowed for the same out of the Tax for the Present year producing proper Certificates

The Selectmen being the Comitte for Leasing out the ministerial Land Lying west of the Land of the Heirs of Judge Jenison Dec^{d} made Report that they had recd the third years rent and paid the same to the Rev^{d} m^{r} maccarty and that the Capitall Sum now Remains in the Hands of Daniel Heywood Esq mess asa moore & Samuel andrews—and that they have also Recd one years Interest of the money arising by the sale of the School land and appropriated it for the Support of the Schools agreable to the Votes of the

Town. the Principall being in the Hands of mess David Baldwin asa Baldwin of Spencer & Jon[a] Wheelock of Charlton which report being read was accepted & Voted that the S[d] Selectmen be discharged accordingly

Voted that the Swine go at Large they being yoked & ringed according to Law

Voted that there be a good and Sufficient Stone Pound Built on the Towns Land—and that John Chandler Jr Daniel Hubbard & John Stowell be a Comitte to see the same done & to determine & fix the Place where it shall stand and that such Persons as shall Labor at the same shall be allowed therefor out of their Highway Tax for the Currant year and at the same Rate as if they worked at the Highways

Voted that Joshua Biglo Cap[t] John Curtis & mr John Gates be a Comitte to put & Keep the parsonage Fences in good repair for the year Ensueing

Voted that as an Incouragement to any Person or Persons belonging to the Town that shall Kill a grown wolf within the same for the year Ensueing shall be paid out of the Town Treasury the sum of Forty Shillings for a grown wild Catt So Killed Twenty Shillings

and then the S[d] meeting was adjourned without Day

The foregoing Votes passd at S[d] meeting

atts John Chandler Jun mod[r]

Worcester ss. march 6: 1758 I certify that all the Persons within named (Except the assessors, Town Clerk, & maj[r] Daniel Heywood Clerk of the market & Surveyor of Boards & Shingles) to whom an oath by Law is required to be adm[d]. were duely sworn to the faithfull discharge of their respective offices to which they were chose and also took the oath by Law req[d] relateing to the Bills of Credit of the neighbouring Governments

Sworn before Tim[o] Paine J. Pac.

Worcester ss march 6. 1758 John Chandler Jr Timo Paine Israel Jenison Asa moore William young within named Chosen assessors & Timo Paine within named Chosen Town Clerk were

duely Sworn to the faithfull discharge of their respective offices to which they were Chose and also took ye oath by Law required relateing to the Bills of Credit of the neighbouring Governments

Sworn Before

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att a Town meeting regularly assembled at the meeting House in worcester on monday the 15th of may A D. 1758 at one of the Clock afternoon for the Choice of Representative

The major Part of the Electors Present made Choice of Asa moore who refused to accept of S^d^ Trust—and then the Question was putt whether the Town would send any representative the year Ensueing and it passd in the negative

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Worcester may 15th 1758

Att a Town meeting held by the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of S^d^ Town Qualified to Vote in Town affairs at the meeting House in worcester at three oClock afternoon

Voted that John Chandler Jr Esq be the moderator of S^d^ meeting atts Tim^o^ Paine T Cler

Voted that the following Sums be granted for the following purposes vizt

To Ebenezer Wiswall for mending Glass in the meeting House	0	19	0
To Thomas Richardson Constable for Last year for Thos Davenports Pole Tax he being rated at Leicester & producing a Certificate that he had pd there	1	0	1
To Saml Eaton for half days work at ye Parsonage		1	6
To Jacob Chamberlain for Conveying John Davison from Shrewsbury to worcester		3	0
To Gardr Chandler Esq for Sundrys dd margaret Ditty by order of the overseers of ye Poor		8	6
To Tyrus Rice for 170 feet Plank for Town Bridges		9	0
To Jabez Sargent for ringing the Bell Sweeping and takeing Care of the meeting House & providing water for Baptisms	2	2	8

To Thos Richardson for Jno Crawfords Pole Tax he being in the publick Service as a Soldier at Fort massachusetts when he was rated	1	0	1
To asa moore Constable for ye year 1756 for Daniel Walkers Pole Tax		16	7
To Josiah Harrington for 126 feet Plank for Bridges		6	8
To Thos Richardson Constable for ye year 1757 for ye whole of Jacob Smiths Rates he being in poor Low Circumstances	1	4	4½
To the Revd mr Thaddeus maccartys Support & Sallary for the present year	80	0	0
To Thomas Richardson for David mcCrahons Rates who is either Killed or Captivated	1	3	10
	£89	15	3½

Upon the fifth article Contained in the Warrant Voted that the Comitte appointed in march Last relateing to the Parsonage fence be & they hereby are directed to build a Stone wall on the front of the Parsonage House Lott begining at the Northeast Corner of Dr Willards Garden Except against the Front of ye House. they are to Build a Board Fence out of the Present Board Fence and so from Each Corner of the Front part of the House so as to Joyn the Front Fence

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first monday in Sept next at four oClock afternoon and then Sd meeting was adjourned accordingly

The foregoing Votes passed at Sd meeting
Atts John Chandler Jun moderator

To mess William young Joshua Biglo & Jona Stone We hereby appoint you or any Two of you to meet the Selectmen of Leicester at worcester Southwest corner or such other Persons as they shall appoint to perambulate the Line between those Two Towns & to renew the Bounds—Worcester may 15. 1758

John Chandler Jr
Timo Paine
Israel Jenison
Asa moore
William young
} Selectmen of Worcester

agreeable to the Notification to us directed by the Selectmen of the Town of worcester dated worcester 15th may 1758 we met the within named persons at the Time & Place appointed in Sd Notification and with Sd Persons perambulated the Lines between worcester & Leicester & renewed the Bounds

may 31 1758

Ebenezer upham, Jona Newhall, Nath Goodspeed } Selectmen of Leicester

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We the Subscribers being appointed by the Selectmen of Worcester & Sutton met and perambulated the Line and renewed the Bounds between said Towns begining at the Southwest Corner of worcester through to the South west Corner of mr Appletons Farm according to former Custom

Asa moore, Daniel Boyden, David Bancroft } Selectmen of Worcester or appointed by [them

Daniel Greenwood, Charles Richardson, Samuel Trask } in behalf of ye Town of Sutton

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Worcester June 12 1758 by adjournment from the 31 may last Timo Paine John Curtis & John Chaddick appointed on the part of worcester to perambulate the line between worcester & Shrewsbury met mr Phinehas Heywood & Isaac miller appointed on the part of Shrewsbury at a red oak Tree near the Long Pond and so rend the Bounds between those Two Towns untill we came to a small white oak Swamp Tree and heap of Stone being the northeast Corner of worcester

Timo Paine Phinehas Heywood John Curtis

John Chaddick Isaac miller

£29 : 12 6
75
89 15 3½

£194 7 9½ Town Debt for ye
year 1758
assessed @ 6/1½ upon ye Pole and 2d¼ on ye [?]
The Province Tax £447 5 6 13/6 upon ye Pole
5d¼ upon ye Pound

Worccester Att a Town meeting held at worcester at the meeting House regularly warned & assembled Oct 23 1758

Capt Israel Jenison was Chosen modr
atts Timo Paine Town Cler

Voted that the sum of £19 4 8 be granted to the Town Treasurer to Enable him to pay the County Tax	£19	4 8
To the overseers of the Poor to Enable them to discharge what is due to them and for further Supporting ye Poor they to be accountable	10	
To Robert Gray for 147 feet Plank @ 5/4		7 10
	£29	12 6

Voted that the above sum of £29 12 6 together with the Sum of £75 granted in march Last and the Sum of £89 15 3½ in may Last be assessed on the Poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of Sd Town of worcester in one Tax & paid into the Town Treasury for the Purposes for which they were granted one half by the 25th of Decr next & the other half by the first of march 1759

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to this Place to the 2d monday in novr next at 3 oClock afternoon & then the Sd meeting was adjourned accordingly

The foregoing Votes passd at Sd meeting
attst Israel Jenison modr

Entred from ye orig[l] p Timo Paine Town Cler

Worcester Att a Town meeting Held at the meeting House in worcester on the 2d Monday of November a D 1758 at 3 °Clock afternoon by adjournment from the 23d of october Last

The Comitte appointed in march Last to Examine the Town Treasurers accounts made Report. Read and accepted & Voted that the said Treasurer be discharged the Sum of Two Hundred and Ten Pounds Twelve Shillings & an half penny being so much paid by him agreable to the Votes & orderr of the Town—and that the Ballance Remaining in his Hands of the Sum of Seven pounds Sixteen Shillings & one penny he be further accountable for att^{s} Tim^{o} Paine Town Cle

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Upon the Petition of Jonathan Stone &c to the general Court the following Votes Past vizt

The Comitte appointed by this Honorable Court on ye 5th of December and 28th of april last haveing after due notice given to all concerned repaired to ye Place where the Petitioners dwell and being attended by ye Comitte of the Town of Leicester & the Petitioners & takeing a full carefull View of the Scituation and Circumstances of the Petitioners & fully hearing ye Parties find their Petition Just & reasonable are therefore of opinion that the Petitioners James Hart Thomas Beard & James wallis with their Lands and the Lands of ye Petitioner Stone Lying in Leicester be laid to the Town of worcester there to do duty & enjoy Priviledges Provided that they pay their Proportion of all past Taxes already granted or assessed by the Town of Leicester

James minot ℔ order

In Council June 2d 1758 Read & ordered that this Report be accepted and that the Sd James Hart Thomas Beard & James wallis with their Lands & Estates Lying in Leicester and ye Lands of ye Sd Jonathan Stone also Lying in Leicester for ye future be laid to and accompted part of the Town of worcester there to do Duty & enjoy Priviledges as others the Inhabitants of worcester do the Petitioners to be always Subject to ye Payment of such Taxes [as]

are already granted or assessed **A** And that for ye future their Proportion of ye Province & County Taxes be taken off from the Town of Leicester & added to ye Town of worcester——Sent down for Concurrence A Oliver Secy

In the House of Representatives June 2^d^ 1758 Read & Concurred with the amendment **A** Sent up for Concurrance
J. Hubbard Sp^r^.

In Council June 3^d^ 1758 Read & Concurred A. Oliver Sec^r^
Consented to T Pownall

Copy attest Thos Clarke Dpty Sarg.
Entred ℔ Tim^o^ Paine

Att a general Town meeting regularly warned & assembled at the meeting House in worcester the fifth Day of march 1759 @ Eight oClock a m for ye Choice of Town officers for ye year Ensueing by the Votable Inhabitants of S^d^ Town of Worcester
att S^d^ meeting John Chandler Junr Esq Chosen moderator
att^s^ Tim^o^ Paine Town Cler

agreable to the several articles Contained in the warrant the following affairs were transacted vizt

John Chandler Jr Timo Paine asa moore Daniel Boyden & James Goodwin were Chosen Selectmen & assessors for ye year Ensueing

Tim^o^ Paine Town Clerk

John Chandler Jr Town Treasurer

John Gates Wm mcfarland Constables

John Chaddick Sealer of Leather

Daniel Heywood Clerk of ye market & Surveyor of Boards & Shingles

matthew Gray Noah Jones absolom Rice Robert Barber Sam^ll^. mower Jr Daniel Boyden Robt Smith John Chandler Junr Surveyors of highways & Collectors of the highway Tax to be granted for ye Currant year

Phin^{s}. ward Thom^{s} Wheeler Fence Viewers

Josiah Peirce Peter Johnson Deer Reeves

Phinehas Gleason Jon^{a} Stone Tythingmen

Benj^{a} Crosbey Samuel Bridge Phinehas Gleason James Hamilton Josiah Peirce Benj^{a} Chapin Hogreeves

Voted that the Schools be kept in the same way & manner as they were the Last year and that John Chandler Junr and Timothy Paine Esq be a Comitte for providing a master for ye Center School and that Wm young Daniel Boyden Capt John Curtis Elisha Smith Junr Jon^{a} Stone Nathaniel moore Junr be a Comitte for the several Parts of the Town they respectively Live in for providing Schoolmasters

also Voted that the sum of Seventy five Pounds be granted for ye Support of the Schools to be disposed of in the same Proportion as the Last year

Voted that James Brown Joshua Bigelow and John Curtis be a Comitte to settle accounts with the Town Treasurer and Report their doings at the next meeting

Voted that the Sum of one hundred and fifty Pounds be assessed and Levied on the Poles and Estates within the Town of worcester in the same way & manner as was Voted at the annual meeting held the fourth of march 1750/1 to be Expended in Building Bridges & Causways mending & repairing decayed ones and putting the Roads & ways into Repair the present year and that the same wages be allowed & Rules followed in all Regards as was Voted at S^{d} meeting and the Selectmen to direct in giving orders to ye Surveyors to allow all Persons to work so as may best accomodate them having a general Regard to the Publick Good and such Persons if any there be who have not paid their Highway Tax for ye Last year may discharge the same by Labor by the first of next June and those who have worked out more than their Proportion may be allowed for ye same out of ye Tax for ye present year

The Selectmen being the Comitte for leasing out the ministerial Land Lying west of Land belonging to Judge Jenisons Heirs and

the School Land Lying by William mahans made Report that they have Rec^{d} the fourth years Rent of S^{d} ministeriall Lands and paid the same to the Rev^{d} m^{r} maccarty and that the Capitall Sum remains in the Hands of asa moore maj^{r} Daniel Heywood & Saml. andrews and that they have Rec^{d} the Last years Interest arising on the money for ye sale of the School being Five Pounds and the Same is appropriated for the use of the Schools agreable to the Vote of the Town the Capitall Sum Remains in the Hands of David Baldwin asa Baldwin of Spencer & Jon^{a} Wheelock of Charlton which Report being read was accepted & voted that the Selectmen be discharged from ye Sums accordingly

Voted that Jonathan Stones Thomas Beard & James Harts Town Taxes Last year be abated to them Except what the S^{d} Stone usually paid to S^{d} Town In Consideration of the Charge they have been at in getting annexed to the Town

Voted that m^{r} Joshua Biglo Capt John Curtis & mr John Gates be a Comitte to put and Keep the Parsonage fences in Repair the year Ensueing

Voted that as an Incouragement to any Person or Persons belonging to the Town that shall Kill a grown Wolfe within the same the year ensueing shall be paid out of the Town Treasury the sum of Forty Shillings for a grown wild Catt so killed Twenty Shillings

Voted that the Swine go at Large they being yoked and Ringed according to Law

The Selectmen made Returns of Several Roads by them Laid out in the Town the year past vizt a Road Laid out to wm Cowden begining at S^{d} Cowdens House from thence Extending Southwesterly to ye Land of Col Hatch vizt to a grey oak Tree marked from thence by another grey oak Tree marked & from thence to another grey oak Tree marked and from thence to a fourth grey oak Tree marked on or adjoyning the northeasterly bounds of a County Road S^{d} marked Trees being on the northeasterly side of S^{d} way and is Laid Two Rods wide—also a Road Laid out to accomodate John mower begining at S^{d} mowers Land where the way is now Trod from thence Extending Southeasterly to a Red oak Tree marked on Land of —— wait from thence to another Red

oak Tree marked and from thence to a walnut Tree from thence to another walnut Tree and from thence to a walnut Tree and from thence to another walnut Tree and from thence to another walnut Tree and from thence to another walnut on Land of the heirs of Jon[a] Lynds from thence to a white oak and from thence to a Red oak Tree marked on Land of the heirs of Eliakem Palmer Esq Dec[d] near the County Road Leading to Hardwick and so Extending till it meet said County Road the S[d] way to Lye on the Southwesterly side of S[d] marked Trees and to be Two Rods wide

as also another way or Road Laid across the Land of Joseph Blair and Jacob Chamberlain & Land of Stephen Sawen begining at a Chesnutt Tree Standing on the north side of y[e] County Road Leading through said Blairs Land & near the northwesterly angle of S[d] Blairs orcharding from thence Extending northwesterly to another Chesnutt Tree marked and thence to another Chesnutt Tree from thence to a small grey oak Tree near S[d] Chamberlains Land from thence northeasterly to a Chesnutt Tree marked in S[d] Chamberlains Land from thence to the Southerly side of S[d] Chamberlains Barn and from thence to the northwest Corner of his House thence as the way is now Trod on the Brow of y[e] Hill to a small walnut Tree near the Land of Stephen Sawen from thence as said way is now Trod to a Black Tree Standing in the Line between Sd Chamberlains & Sd Sawens Land to the Town way Leading by Sd Sawens House Sd way to be Two Rods wide and Lyes on the westerly and northwesterly side of y[e] marked Trees which Last mentioned Road the Sd Selectmen Look upon as a publick benefit to the Town

also a way or Road to accomodate Joseph Wiley and others begining where the way this Day Laid out now Trod croses the Line parting Jacob Chamberlains Land from Joseph Blairs Land and from thence Extends northwesterly to a small walnut Tree marked in asa moors Land & from thence to another small walnut Tree marked and from thence to a walnut Tree marked from thence to a gray oak Tree marked in the Line between Sd moors Land & Land of Samuel miller Jr and from thence till it meet with the way formerly Laid Leading to Joseph Wileys Sd way to Lye on the

Southwesterly side of the marked Trees and to be Two Rod wide as by the Return of Sd Selectmen on file appear

Read & accepted & Voted that the aforesd Roads as above discribed be for ye future deemed & Taken to be Town Roads as Laid out by the Selectmen and that the same be recorded provided that the Sd Town of worcester be at no Charge in purchasing or paying for any Land on which Sd Roads or either of them are Laid

The foregoing Votes passd at Sd meeting
attst John Chandler Jr modr

all the afore Elected officers are Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of their Trusts & have taken ye oath respecting other Government Bills attst Timo Paine J Pac & Town Cler

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Att a Town meeting regularly warned and assembled at the meeting House in worcester on monday the 21st Day of may at Two oClock afternoon a D 1759 for the Choice of Representative to serve at the great & general Court of this Province the present year

Sd Town made Choice of Timo Paine Esq
atts Timo Paine Town Cler

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worcester may 21 1759

att a Town meeting regularly warned & held by the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town Qualified to Vote in Town affairs at the meeting House in worcester @ three oClock afternoon

Voted that the Hon John Chandler Esq be ye modr of this meeting atts Timo Paine Town Cler

Voted that the following sums be granted for ye following Purposes vizt

Grants for 84 15 7 43 School 127-15-7	To Daniel Boyden for 40 Post for Board Fence & 2 Gate Ditto for the Parsonage and Carting them from Sutton	0 11 0

To Constable Ephraim mower for Jno Turners Pole Tax	19	7	
To Jabez Sargeant for ringing the Bell Sweeping & takeing care of ye meeting & Providing water for Baptisms	2	2	8
To Noah Jones for 417 feet Plank for Trowbridge @ 5/4	1	2	4
To the Revd mr maccarty for his Support & Sallary the present year	80	0	0
	84	15	7

The Comitte appointed in march Last to Examine The Town Treasurers account made report. read & accepted & Voted that the S[d] Treasurer be discharged the sum of £197 : 0. 6½ being so much paid by him agreable to the Votes & orders of the Town and that he be further accountable for the sum of £10. 3. 4 outstanding in the Constables Hands when he receives y[e] same

The Town took under Consideration the Votes passed in march Last relateing to the Schools and the grant made to support them & thereupon Voted to reconsider S[d] Votes—also Voted that the School be a moving School the Present year and to be Kept in the same way & manner that the School used to be Kept in before march 1752 and that the sum of forty three Pounds be granted for the Support of the School the Present year and that the Parts of the Town Comonly called Smiths & Parkers Rows have the sums allowed to them as usual to be Laid out in Schooling as they used to have before march 1752

The foregoing Votes passd at S[d] meeting
atts John Chandler mod[r]

Worcester June 26 1759 Eben[r] Belknap came to me to learn the Trade @ 16 years old and to stay till 21 his father Lives at Holdin by all accounts he is a poorish man Jonas Newton

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Worcester oct 15 1759
att a Town meeting regularly warned & held by the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of S[d] Town qualified to vote in Town affairs

at the meeting House in worcester at three oClock afternoon

Voted that John Chandler Junr Esq be the moderator of this meeting atts Asa moore, Daniel Boyden } Selectmen

Voted that the following sums be granted for ye following Purposes vizt

	£	s	d
To Samuel mower Jr for 165 feet Plank @ 5/4	£0	8	10¼
Daniel Boyden for 200 feet Do 5/4		10	8
John Chandler Jr In full of his account	2	12	13¾
Simeon Duncan for 3 Days work at ye Parsonage wall		9	0
Capt Tyrus Rice for mending the Seets in ye meeting House		2	0
Voted that the sum of 11 : 16. 8 be granted to ye Town Treasr to Enable him to pay ye Couty Tax	11	16	8
To the Selectmen to Enable them to discharge what is due from & further Supporting ye Poor they to be accountable	9	0	0
To the Selectmen they to be accountable to Enable them to mend the Glass in meeting House	1	10	0
To Capt Daniel ward for Cash he paid a midwife for Delivering of Wm Farmers wife they being poor		7	0
To Daniel Hubbard for 2 Days work Blowing Rocks in the Country Road		5	4
	£27	1	8

Voted that the above sum of Twenty seven Pounds one Shilling & Eight pence Together with the sum of £127. 15. 7 granted in may Last be assessed on the Poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of said Town of worcester In one Tax and paid into the Town Treasury for the Purposes for which they were granted one half by the 25th of Decr next & the other half by the first Day of march next

Those of the Inhabitants Present that had not given in Lists of their Poles & Estates gave them in

Voted that the assessors be directed to Rate the Poles of those Persons Inhabitants of S^{d} Town that are now in the publick Service

Voted that the Selectmen Imploy some suitable Person to mend the Roofe of the meeting House & Lay the account before the Town for Payment

Voted that the Selectmen be desired to apply to the Court of general Sessions of the Peace for this County & use their utmost Endeavors that the Petition of mr Joseph Blair relative to the Road laid out to accomodate Jacob Chamberlain may be Continued from Term To Term till may next In order for an accomodation with S^{d} Blair

The foregoing Votes passd at S^{d} meeting
att^{s} John Chandler Jr moderator
Entred from ye orig^{l} Votes atts Tim^{o} Paine Town Cler

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Rec^{d} of the Selectmen of worcester Eleven Pounds four Shillings which with what I have heretofore Recd is in full of Interest money due to me arising by ye sale of the ministerial Land Lying west of the Heirs of Judge Jenison Deceased to the first of november Last Thaddeus maccarty
Worcester Feb 26 1760

Rec^{d} of the Selectmen of worcester Ten Pounds thirteen Shillings & four pence which with what I have heretofore Rec^{d} Compleats & is in full for the second years Interest due upon the money arising by the Sale of the ministerial Land Lying by Zebediah Rices Ending the 28th of march Last. and the further sum of three Pound Two Shillings Towards the Present years Interest;
worcester Feb 26 1760

also Ten Shillings & one Penny in full for Interest due upon the money arising by the sale of a small Peice of ministerial Land sold mr Putnam Thaddeus maccarty

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an account of the money arising by the sale of the ministerial Land Lying by the Heirs of Judge Jenison Deceased and in whose Hands the same is vizt

Silas moore	£80
Noah Jones	20
Josiah Peirce	40
D Boyden &c	33 : 6. 8
Willington	13 : 6. 8
The Sum ye Lands sold for	£186 : 13. 4

These Sums are all payable the first of November annually

an account of the money arising by ye Sale of the ministerial Land Lying by Zebediah Rices sold to John Chandler Jr & James Putnam with a small Peice of Land sold said Putnam & [in] whose Hands the same is–vizt

Theophilus Chandler	£50 : 0. 0
Obadiah ward	36 : 0. 0
Palmer Goulding	35 : 17. 10
Phinehas ward	22 : 15. 0
Samuel Eaton	35 : 16. 8
	£180 : 9. 6

being what the Lands were sold for and is payable the 28th of march annually

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Recd of Timo Paine one of the Selectmen of worcester Six pounds in part of Interest money arising by ye sale of the ministerial Land Lying west of the Heirs of Judge Jenison Decd due first of novr Last Thads maccarty

worcester Jan 23d 1761

Recd forty Eight Shillings more on the same account & for ye same year in part Worcester Feb. 9th 1761 Thads maccarty

Recd of ye Selectmen of worcester fourteen Pounds which with the Two above Receipts make Twenty Two Pounds Eight Shillings & Compleats Two years Int. arising by ye sale of ye above Lands Ending first November Last Thaddeus maccarty

Worcester march 6 1762

We the Subscribers Selectmen of worcester upon Application to us made by adam walker of worcester in the County of worcester Blacksmith so far forth as in us Lies do permitt that said adam walker Sett his Blacksmiths Shop north of the Present Blacksmiths Shop now in the Improvement of Richard Stowers and as near noth as will convence and as far west as mr Luke Browns East Line—always provided that if the owner & Possessor of the Land now owned by S[d] Luke Brown shall see Cause to Build a Dwelling House thereon that upon Request of y[e] S[d] owner and Possessor of S[d] Lands he shall remove the same—worcester Dec[r] 20th 1759

John Chandler Jr
Tim[o] Paine
Asa moore
Daniel Boyden
Copy James Goodwin

To the Selectmen of worcester Gent

about Two month ago one Lydia allen of Poquioge wife of Daniel allen came to my House since which She hath bro[t] a child about four years old her Circumstances are Low her Husband having left her She is now with her child at the House of Capt John Stearns in Town I give this Information that so you may act thereon as you think Proper worcester January 21 1761

Jacob Smith

[By a warrant dated Dec. 17, 1759, a meeting was called "to Consider a Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of that part of the Town called Bogachoage praying the Town to allow them the Priviledge of hiring a Schoolmaster such a one as the Selectmen shall approbate so that they may have their School within y[e] year."]

Worcester 31 December 1759 at a Town meeting regularly warned and held by the Freeholders & others Inhabitants of S[d] Town qualified to vote in Town affairs

Voted that John Chandler Jr Esq be the moderator

att[s] Timo Paine Town Cler

upon the Subject matter Contained in the warrant the Question being put whether the Prayer of S^d^ Petition mentioned in the warrant should be granted & it passed in ye negative

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Boston oct: 13. 1759 Rec^d^ of William Cowdin of worcester Eighteen Shillings in full satisfaction for about half an acre of Land which the Selectmen of worcester laid out for a Road to accomodate him said half acre being part of the Estate belonging to my Hon^d^ Father Dec^d^ which Road was accepted by the Town aforesaid in their meeting in march Last as Executor to the will of my S^d^ Father I recd the same Nat Hatch

Entred ℔ Timo Paine Town Cler

Att a general Town meeting regularly warned and assembled at at the meeting House in worcester the third Day of march 1760 at 8 °Clock A m. for the Choice of Town officers for ye Ensueing year & to transact other matters Contained in ye warrant by ye votable Inhabitants of S^d^ Town of worcester

voted that John Chandler Junr Esq be the moderator of this meeting Att^s^ Tim^o^ Paine Town Cler

agreable to ye Several articles Contained in the warrant the following affairs were Transacted vizt

Timothy Paine Esq John Chandler Jr Esq James Putnam Esq mess asa moore & Jonathan Stone were Chosen Selectmen & assessors for ye year Ensueing

Tim^o^ Paine Esq Town Clerk

John Chandler Jr Esq Town Treasurer

Nathan Perry Stephen Sawen Constables

John Chaddick Sealer of Leather

Daniel Heywood Esq Clerk of ye market & Surveyor of Boards & Shingles

Daniel Boyden mathew Gray Noah Jones absolom Rice Joseph Clark Saml Eaton John Chandler Jr Esq Elisha Smith Junr Samuel

moore Junr Surveyors of Highways & Collectors of ye highway Tax to be granted for ye Currant year

Phinehas ward Thomas wheeler Fence Viewers

Josiah Peirce John Boyden Deer Reeves

Nathan Baldwin Benj^a Fisk Tythingmen

David Bigelo Gershom Rice 3^d Jacob Smith Wm Gates Henry ward Phinehas Gleason Hogreeves

Voted that the Schools be kept in the same way and manner as they were the year 1758 that those living within one mile and an half of the meeting House pay to the Center School—and that Tim^o Paine Esq David Bancroft Nathaniel moore Junr Jonathan Stone Joseph Temple william young & Phinehas Gleason be a Comitte for the several parts of the Town they Live in for providing School masters

also Voted that the Sum of Seventy five Pounds be assessed and levied on the Poles & Estates within the Town for the Support of the Schools the Current year and that the same be divided in the same Proportion as ye School money was in ye year 1758

Voted That John Curtis James Putnam & John Chaddick be a Comitte to Settle accounts with John Chandler Jr Esq Town Treasurer

Voted that the sum of one hundred and Fifty Pounds be assessed and Levied on the Poles and Estates within the Town of worcester in the same way & manner as voted at the annual meeting held the fourth of march 1750/1 to be Expended in Building Bridges & Causways mending & repairing decayed ones and putting the Roads & ways into Repair the present year and that the same wages be allowed & Rules followed in all regards as was voted at S^d meeting and the Select men direct in giving orders to ye Surveyors to allow all Persons to work so as may best accomodate them having a general Regard to the Publick Good and such Persons if any there be who have not paid their Highway Tax for ye Last year may discharge the same by Labor by the first of June next and those who have worked out more than their Proportion may be allowed for ye same out of ye Tax for the Present year they producing proper Certificates

The Selectmen of the Town made Report that they had Rec^{d} the Last years Interest Ending the first of november Last arising by the sale of the ministerial Land Lying west of the Heirs of Judge Jenison Esq Deceased and paid the same to ye Rev^{d} mr Thaddeus maccarty and taken Receipt therefor the Capital remains in the Hands of ye following Persons vizt Silas moore £80 noah Jones £20– Josiah Peirce £40 Daniel Boyden &c 33 : 6. 8. Eb. Willington £13. 6. 8 and that they had also rec^{d} Five Pounds the Interest of the money by ye School Land & applyed the same for Schooling The Capitall remains in the Hands of David Baldwin asa Baldwin of Spencer & Jon^{a} Wheelock Charlton

That they had also Rec^{d} the Interest of the Last year Ending 28th march 1759 arising by the sale of the ministerial Land Lying by Zebadiah Rices and paid the same to the Rev^{d} mr maccarty to purchase his wood & taken his Receipt therefor The Capital remains in the Hands of Theop. Chandler 50– ob ward 36 : Palmer Goulding 35. 17. 10 Phinehas ward 22 : 15/ Saml Eaton 35 : 16 8 as by S^{d} report on file appear Read & accepted & Voted that the Sd Selectmen be discharged from S^{d} Sums

Voted that Capt John Curtis mess Palmer Goulding & John Gates be a Comitte to put & keep the Parsonage Fences in good Repair ye year Ensueing yèar [*sic*]

Voted that the Swine go at Large they being yoked and Ringed according to Law

Voted that Josiah Brewer Esq John Chandler Jr Esq mr Joshua Bigelow Capt James Goodwin Thomas wheeler mr Daniel Boyden mr David Bigelow Lt Jacob Hemenway & Capt Israel Jenison be a Comitte to draught a Plan of a new meeting House Calculate what the same will Cost and see who will be Subscribers or Purchasers of ye Pews and what the Pews will pay Towards Building Sd House & report at the adjournment of this meeting in order for the Town then to act thereon (if they See Cause)

[Article in the warrant relating to the above: "IX. whereas the Publick meeting House in Town wants repairing & is so small that it will not accomodate the People that usually attend the publick worship, Therefore to see if the Town will Build a Suitable House for ye publick worship and to give such Direction relative thereto as they shall Judge Proper"]

Voted that the Roads mentioned in the Tenth article of the warrant laid out & accepted Last march thro Joseph Blairs Jacob Chamberlain mess asa moore & Samuel millers Land be discontinued

Voted that Capt Israel Jenison Capt Thomas Stearns & Capt Tyrus Rice be overseers of the Poor ye year Ensueing

John Chandler Jr Esq Chosen at this meeting a Selectman assessor and Town Treasurer Refusing to serve in Either of S^{d} offices Therenpon Voted that Capt John Curtis be a Selectman assessor and Town Treasurer in the Room of the S^{d} John Chandler Esq

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the third Tuesday of may next at Two oClock afternoon

The foregoing Votes passed at S^{d} meeting
att^{s} John Chandler Jr moder

worcester ss march 3^{d} 1760 I Certify that Tim^{o} Paine James Putnam Esq asa moore John Curtis Jonathan Stone Chosen assessors for the Present year & Tim^{o} Paine Esq Chosen Town Clerk made oath to discharge their Respective offices according to Law & took the oath relating to other Government Bills

march 10 1760 Jacob Smith Chosen an Hogreeve Sworn according to Law & took ye oath relating to other Government Bills
J Chandler Jus Pac

worcester ss march 5 1760 all & Every of the Several Persons Elected to the Several offices for ye year Ensueing Excepting those Sworn by John Chandler Esq a Justice of ye Peace & Stephen Sawen Chosen Constable & John Chandler Jr Surveyor & Collector made oath before me to discharge the Duties of their respective offices according to Law & at the same Time took ye oath relateing to other Government Bills Coram Tim^{o} Paine Jus^{t} Pac

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Worcester 20th may 1760 att a Town meeting of ye Inhabitants of worcester regularly assembled by adjournment from the third Day of march Last

The Comitte appointed to draw a Plan of a New meeting House Calculate what the same will Cost and Se who would be Subscribers or Purchasers of the Pews and what said Pews will pay towards Building said House made Report That it was their opinion that it is Time the Town began to prepare for Building that the House to be built be 70 feet Long 55 feet wide that there be in S^{d} House 68 Pews 67 of which the Comitte apprehend will sell for £400— That the Cost of the House will be £1000 that about one Quarter of said sum might be supplied by the Inhabitants of the Town in the articles of Boards Shingles Lath Clabboards & small Timber and Large that the Remaining Sum be divided into three Taxes and assessed on the Inhabitants one third this year and the other Two Thirds the Two next years as by said Report on file appears

Read and not accepted and being put to Vote whether the Town will now proceed to Build a new meeting House and it passed in the negative

Stephen Sawen who was Chosen to serve in the office of Constable having refused to take ye oath off office

Voted that Samuel Eaton be Constable in the Room of S^{d} Sawen who was sworn in meeting

The foregoing Votes passd at S^{d} meeting
att^{s} J Chandler moderator

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worcester may 20th 1760 Att a Town meeting regularly warned and held by the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified to vote in Town affairs at the meeting House at three oClock afternoon

Voted That John Chandler Junr Esq be the moderator of this meeting Att^{s} Timo Paine Town Cler

Voted That the following sums be granted for ye following Purposes vizt

To Joshua Bigelow for 7 & ½ Days work at the ministerial fence	£1	2	6
To Daniel Johnson a Premium of 20/ for Killing a wild Catt in said Town	1	0	0
To Peter Johnson for Killing Seven Wild Catts	7	0	0
To Noah Jones for Killing one Do	1	0	0
To John Gates mending fence & well Crock for ye minister &c		8	4
To Joseph Clark for 10 string Peices for a Bridge		10	0
To Ephraim mower Constable for ye year 1758 The sum of 25/10½ being the Taxes Laid on Francis Verry who is poor and unable to pay them	1	5	10½
To William mcfarland the sum of 20/4 being what Noah Flood was Rated for his Pole Tax	1	0	4
To Cornelius Stowell Constable for ye year 1758 for carrying one David millar a Poor Person from Worcester to Leicester		3	0
To Robt Barber for a weeks Schooling & Boarding School master		10	8
To the Revd mr Thaddeus maccarty for his Support & Sallary the Present year	80	0	0
To the Revd mr Thaddeus maccarty the sum of Twenty Pounds as an addition to the said £80 In Consideration of the Dearness of the necessary of Life for ye Present year	20	0	0
	126	0	8½

The Comitte appointed in march Last to Examine the accounts of John Chandler Junr made report That they found the said account Right Cast & well vouched and that he has Recd three Shillings & Two pence ¼ L m more than he hath paid out which he had paid to Capt John Curtis the Present Treasurer read & accepted & voted that he be discharged from the sums he has recd

Voted That Joseph Perry & Family be admitted Inhabitants of the Town

Voted that the ministerial Land Lying west of the Heirs of Judge Jenison Decd which was Leased to mr asa moore for 999 years be now sold him In Consideration of the sum of money which he paid into the Hands of the Selectmen the Lawfull Interest whereof amounts to the sum of £11 4/ per annum—and that the Selectmen of the Town of worcester for ye Time being be and they hereby are Impowered In behalf of said Town to pass and Execute

a good warrantee Deed of said Land to the said asa moore his heirs & assigns for Ever

The Selectmen haveing Laid before the Town a List of Persons liable by Law and which they Judged able and Qualified to serve on Petit Jurors out of which the Town Selected out one quarter part to serve as Jurors at ye Superior Court of Judicature Court of assize and general goal Delivery namely—

James Brown	Israel Jenison	Joshua Bigelow	James Goodwin
Nathan Baldwin	Daniel ward	David Boyden	Daniel Hubbard
Jacob Chamberlain	asa moore	John Boyden	Noah Jones
Eph: Doolittle	Saml mower	David Bancroft	Nath moore Jr
Jacob Hemenway	Elisha Smith Jr	Jonn Chaddick	Gershom Rice Jr
	Corn. Stowell	Jonathan Stone	

and the remainder of said List to serve as Jurors on the Inferior Court of Comon Pleas & Court of general Sessions of the Peace namely

Luke Brown	Isaac Gleason	Josiah Peirce	mathew Gray
Joseph Blair	Phinehas Gleason	Jabez Sargeant	Jno Goddard
James Barber	Solomon Gates	David Thomas	Josiah Harrington
Saml Brooks	Simon Gates	Joseph Wiley	Francis Harrington
Jer. Beathe	Ez Howe	Eb Willington	Wm mahan Jr
David Bigelow	Solomon Johnson Jr	Benja Whitney	James Nichols
Josiah Brewer Jr	micah Johnson	Wm young	nathan Perry
Saml Bridge	Peter Johnson	Benja Chapin	absolam Rice
John Curtis Jr	Jno mower	Samuel Curtis	Tyrus Rice
Thos Cowdin	Isaac moore	Simeon Duncan	oth Taylor
John Chaddick Jr	Saml moore	Benja Flagg	James Trowbridge
James Carlyle	John mahan	Benja Fisk	Thos wheeler Jr
David Earl	James mcfarland	Palmer Goulding	Phin ward
Eb Flagg	william mcfarland	John Green	Eb wiswall
John Fisk	Samuel miller	John Gates	Henry ward
Josiah Flagg	Daniel mcfarland	Jona Gates	

and Voted that they be put into Separate Boxes according to Law

The foregoing votes passd at S^d^ meeting
atts John Chandler Jr moder

Entred from ye orig^l^ ℔ Timo Paine Town Clerk

worcester oct 13 1760 3 oClock afternoon

att a Town meeting regularly assembled at the meeting House in worcester

Voted that John Chandler Jr Esq be moderator of said meeting

Voted that the Sum of £11 16 8 be granted to the Town Treasurer to Enable him to pay ye County Tax ye Present year	£11	16	8
voted that the sum of 2: 2: 8 be granted to mr Jabez Sargeant for takeing Care & Sweeping the meeting House, ringing the Bell and providing water for Baptisms	2	2	8
To Tyrus Rice for one Day work at ye Parsonage		3	
To the Selectmen for to be Laid out in mending the meeting House windows	1	0	0
	£15	1	4

75		
126	0	8½
15	1	4
216	2	½ Town Debt

Voted that the above sum of £15. 1 : 4 Together with the sum of £75 granted in march Last with the sums granted in may Last be assessed on the Poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of said Town of worcester in one Tax & paid into the Town Treasury for the purposes for which they were granted one half by ye 25th of December next and the other half by ye first Day of march next

Voted that the fine of Five Pounds forfeited by Stephen Sawen for not serving in the office of Constable to which he was Chosen in march Last be remitted to him Provided he does within four weeks pay unto the Selectmen their Charge in applying to the Sessions for a warrant of Distress to Levy Sd Fine

Those of the Inhabitants present at Sd meeting who had not given in Lists of their Poles & Estates gave them in

Voted that Lt Jacob Hemenway mess Saml Eaton & Joshua Bigelow be a Comitte to put the Parsonage House and Barn into Repair as they shall think proper

Voted that dureing the Towns Pleasure John Chandler Jr and Jacob Hemenway be allowed to Erect Two Gates upon the Road

leading out of ye Country Road to Sd Heminways one to be near mr Newtons Blacksmiths Shop ye other at or near Beaver Brook

Entred from ye orgl p Timo Paine Town Cler

Att a meeting of the Selectmen of worcester Oct 13 1760

The said Selectmen appoint Palmer Goulding Pound Keeper of the new Stone Pound Lately Erected near his House

Atts Timo Paine Town Cler

Proportion of School money 1760

Center	36	8	3¾
Tatnick	9	16	11
Smiths Qr	7	5	0
Curtis	5	6	8
Harrington	6	14	3
Bogachoge	9		
Stone	5	8	9¾
	£80	0	0

grant	£75
Interest of School money	5
	£80

Att a general Town meeting regularly warned & assembled at the meeting House in worcester the Second day of march 1761 at 8 °Clock A m for the Choice of Town officers for the Ensueing year and to Transact other matters Contained in the warrant, by the Votable Inhabitants of the Town of worcester

Voted that the Honble John Chandler Esq be the moderator of this meeting Atts Timo Paine Town Cler

agreable to the several articles Contained in the warrant the following Affairs were Transacted vizt

John Chandler Jr Esq Tim° Paine Esq Capt Israel Jenison mess Asa moore & Jacob Chamberlain were Chosen Selectmen and Assessors for ye year Ensueing

Tim° Paine Esq Town Clerk

John Chandler Jr Esq Town Treasurer

James Brown Nathl moore Jr Samuel mower Thomas Cowdin Wardens to see the Lords Day duely Kept agreable to Law

Palmer Goulding John Curtis Jr Constables

Luke Brown Sealer of Leather

Daniel Heywood Esq Clerk of ye market & Surveyor of Boards & Shingles

Daniel Boyden John Gates Nathan Perry James Hart Robert Barber Elisha Smith Jr Sam^ll^ mower Noah Jones Surveyors of Highways & Collectors of ye Highway Tax to be granted this year

Phinehas ward Thomas wheeler Fence Viewers

Josiah Peirce John Boyden Deer Reeves

Josiah Peirce Joshua whitney Tything men

Saml Bridge Wm Taylor David Richardson Tarrant Putnam Jacob Smith David Cunningham Hogreeves

Cunningham Sworn March 6 1761

Voted That the Schools be Kept in the same way & manner as they were the Last year

Voted that the sum of Seventy Five Pounds be granted & assessed & Levied on the Poles & Estates within the Town for the Support of the Schools the Present year and That Daniel Boyden Joshua Bigelow Josiah Brewer Esq John Chandler Jr Esq Josiah Peirce Esq asa moore & Eben^r^ Willington be a Comitte to apportion said sum and the Two Pounds arising by ye sale of ye School Land & Report at ye adjournment of this meeting what Each part of ye Town shall have of S^d^ sums towards Supporting the Schools in them

Voted that John Chandler Jr Esq Josiah Brewer Esq & Capt Ephraim Doolittle be a Comitte to settle accounts with Capt John Curtis the Late Town Treasurer

Voted that the sum of £150 be granted assessed & Levied on the Poles and Estates within the Town of worcester in the same way & manner as voted at the annual meeting held the 4th of march 1750/1 to be Expended in Building Bridges & Causways mending & Repairing decayed ones & putting the Roads & ways into good Repair the present year and that the same wages be allowed & Rules followed in all Regards as was Voted at Sd meeting and the Selectmen direct in giving orders to ye Surveyors to allow all Persons to work so as may best accomodate them haveing a general Regard to ye Publick good & Such Persons if any there be who have not paid their highway Tax for ye Last year may discharge the same by Labor by the first of June next and those who have worked out more than their proportion may be allowed for ye same out of ye Tax for ye Present year they producing proper Certificates

Voted That Capt John Curtis mess Palmer Goulding & John Gates be a Comitte to put and Keep ye parsonage Fence in good Repair the Ensueing year

Voted that the Swine go at Large they being yoked & Ringed according to Law

Voted That the Bridle Road Laid out by the Selectmen across Land of Joseph Blair & Jacob Chamberlain be accepted and that the Town Clerk Record the same as such

Voted That John Chandler Jr Josiah Brewer Esq & Capt James Goodwin be a Comitte to take under Consideration the Road Laid out by the Selectmen to accomodate Dr William Crawford & Dr John Green & Report at the adjournment of this meeting what is Proper for ye Town to do thereon to which Time the further Consideration thereof is reffered

The Question being put if the Town will Remitt all or any part of the Fine belonging to them for which mr Joseph Dyar now stands Comitted to his majestys Goal in worcester for not attending a military muster & it passed in the negative[1]

Voted That John waters and James Carlyle have Liberty to Erect Convenient Shops on the Towns Comons in Such Place as

[1] See Early Records of the Town of Worcester, Book II., page 13.

the Selectmen shall appoint for carrying on their Respective Trades said shops so Erected to stand on the Comon dureing the Towns Pleasure

Voted that the Selectmen at the Charge of the Town Erect some Convenient Building In a suitable Place for Repositing the Towns Stock of ammunition

The Twelfth article contained in the warrant Relateing to the Building a new meeting House came under consideration & the Question being put if the Town would now proceed to give orders for Building a new meeting House and it passd in the negative Thereupon voted that the further consideration for Building a new meeting House be reffered to the adjournment of this meetinge

Voted That the Selectmen at the Charge of the Town take proper care for preserving ye growth of ye Trees sett out about the meeting House for shades by Boxing them & that the Inhabitants be desired not to Tye their Horses to them

Voted That this meeting be adjorned to ye 3^d^ monday of may next at this Place Two oClock afternoon then & there to act on ye other articles contained in the warrant not acted upon & those not fully acted on The foregoing Voted Passd at S^d^ meeting

Att^s^ John Chandler mod^r^

worcester ss march 2^d^ 1761

We Certify that Each & Every of ye Several officers within named (Except wm Taylor & Daniel Cunningham chosen Hogreeves) were sworn to ye faithfull Discharge of their Respective offices according to Law and at ye same Time took the oath relating to ye Bills of Credit of ye neighbouring Governments

Before us J Chandler } Justices of
T Paine } ye Peace

Entred & Recorded ℔ Tim^o^ Paine Town Cler

Return of a Bridle Road Laid out by the Selectmen for ye approbation & acceptance of the Town at their annual meeting in march 1761 begining at a Chesnut Tree standing on ye north side of ye Road Leading to Tatnick on Joseph Blairs Land and near

the Southwesterly angle of S[d] Blairs orchard from thence Extending northwesterly to another Chesnut Tree marked and from thence to another Chesnut Tree marked and from thence to a small Gray oak Tree in Jacob Chamberlains Land from thence north Easterly to a Chesnut Tree marked in S[d] Chamberlains Land from thence to the Southerly Side of S[d] Chamberlains Barn & from thence to y[e] north west corner of his House thence as y[e] way is now Trod on y[e] Brow of y[e] Hill To a small walnut Tree near the Land said Chamberlain bought of Stephen Sawen from thence as S[d] way is now Trod To a Black oak Tree standing in the Line between S[d] Chamberlain and y[e] Land he bought of S[d] Sawen to y[e] Town way Leading by y[e] House Lately Stephen Sawens S[d] Road to be Two Rod wide & Lyes on y[e] westerly & northwesterly side of y[e] marked Trees all which is Submitted ℔

Tim[o] Paine
John Curtis
asa moore
} Selectmen of Worcester

Worcester march meeting 2[d] Day 1761

Read & accepted & ordered that the S[d] Road be Recorded as a Bridle way Att[s] Tim[o] Paine Town Cler

Recorded ℔ Tim[o] Paine Town Cler

Att a Town meeting held at worcester on monday the Eighteenth Day of may 1761 by adjornment from the monday the Second Day of march Last

The Comitte appointed to apportion the money raised for schooling this year made Report. Read & it being put to vote if the Town would accept the same and it passed in the negative and thereupon Voted to Reconsider the Vote passed at this meeting for raising y[e] sum of Seventy five Pounds towards the Support of Schools and that in Lieu thereof Voted that the sum of Forty three Pounds be granted assessed and Levied for the Support of the Schools the present year and that the Schools be Kept in the following manner viz[t] in the middle of the Town Twelve weeks and Each of the Quarters Ten weeks Each—and that the Two Quarters

of the Town called Flaggs Quarter Including Smiths Rowe so called and the Quarter called Bigelows have Liberty untill the first Day of august next to agree in what Places in S^{d} Quarters the Schools shall be Kept and if they do not agree by that Time—Voted that the Selectmen Determine the matter—the Rowe called Parkers and the Rowe in Flaggs Quarter to have their money as usuall

The affair relateing to Building a new meeting House came under Consideration and after some Debate The Question being put if the Town would build a new meeting House and it passed in the Negative

Voted that the Selectmen be Discharged of the sum of Eight Pound Eight Shillings part of the Interest money arising by ye sale of the School Land Last year they having paid the same to ye Rev^{d} m^{r} maccarty

The Question being put if the Town would accept of the Road laid out by the Selectmen to accomodate Wm Crawford & John Green and it passed in ye negative

The Question being put if the Town would accept of the Road Laid out through Elisha Smith Jrs Land and Heirs of Brigadier Waldo by the Selectmen thereupon Voted to accept the same Provided that the Town be at no Charge in purchasing S^{d} Road and that the same be Recorded as a Town Road upon the Condition aforesaid

Entred from ye orig^{l} votes att^{s} Tim^{o} Paine T Cler

Return of a Road Laid out across Land of Elisha Smith Jr and Brigadier Waldo Heirs from the Road by his House to the Road by Robert Barbers—begining at a heap of stones at Joseph Temples Southwest Corner thence Through Smiths Land on Temples Line to a walnut stump marked at Temples South East Corner thence a Strait Line through S^{d} waldos Heirs Land to a Black oak Tree on their Line thence to a walnut marked on Smiths Land & so by marked Trees to the School House thereon Smiths Land by Eben^{r} Flaggs Line to an Elm Tree by Flaggs Corner thence a Strait Line to a Black oak on the Road from Barbers To Flaggs

Land the Road to be Two Rod wide Submitted to the Town for their acceptance in march 1761

Tim° Paine } Selectmen
asa moore } of
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Entred ℔ Tim° Paine Town Cler

Whereas there is a dispute arisen between Samuel Goddard and James Forbush Junr both of worcester Relateing to the makeing and maintaining the Divisonal Fence between their Improved Lands Lying in worcester & East of ye Road Leading to Sutton and the said Samuel having made application to us the Subscribers Two Fence Viewers for the Town of worcester to settle the Same we haveing accordingly Viewed the same and do assign to the said James Forbush as his part of said Fence to make & maintain as follows. begining at S^d^ Road & Running Easterly Eleven Rods to a Large Stump and from thence we assign unto the S^d^ Samuel Goddard to make & maintain Sixty Two Rods to a Stake and Stones and the said James from thence to make and maintain the fence 51 Rods to a Stake and Stones as witness our Hands this 19 Day of october a. D. 1761

Thomas Wheeler
Phinehas Ward

Entred from ye orig^l^ & Examd ℔ Tim° Paine Town Cler

Att a Town meeting at worcester may 18 1761 at the meeting House in S^d^ Town regularly assembled Voted That John Chandler Esq be moderator thereof

Voted that the following sums be granted for ye following Purposes vizt

To Othniel Taylor for 193 feet Plank @ 5/4	£0 10 4
Noah Jones 207: Do @ 5/4	11 0
To Constable Eaton for ye year 1760 for Tnomas Lee and wm wards Province & Town Rate they having paid the same to Constable Perry	2 13 4¼

[1] Name trimmed off.

To Josiah Brewer Esq for 275 Feet Plank @ 5/4		14	8
Daniel Boyden for 330 feet Do @ 5/4		17	7
Jacob Hemenway 238 @ 5/4		12	8
Wm Taylor for Posts for ye Parsonage		8	
To Jona Stone for 110 feet Plank @ 5/4		5	10
John Gates for working at ye Parsonage		7	4
Wm mcfarland Constable for 1759 for John Tufts Pole Tax	1	0	4
Saml miller 153 feet Plank @ 5/4		8	2
Saml moore for Smith work @ ye Parsonage		3	6
To Constable nathan Perry the whole of Charles Davenports Taxes	2	5	3¼
To Do the whole of Jessaniah Rices Taxes	4	1	10¼
To Samuel Eaton for John Teagues & Joseph Gleasons Taxes	2	5	11
To Do David youngs Pole Tax	1	2	11½
To the Revd mr Thaddeus maccarty for his Sallary ye Currant year £80 and the further sum of £20 in addition thereto in Consideration of the Dearness of ye necessarys of Life	£100		
	118	8	9¼

The Petition of Josiah Harrington &c came under Consideration and the Question being put if the Town would give any orders relating to the Enlarging & repairing the meeting House and it passed in ye negative

[The remainder of the record of this meeting trimmed off.]

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att a general Town meeting held at worcester at the meeting House Oct 26 1761 duely warned

Voted that John Chandler Jr Esq be moderator of Sd meeting atts Timo Paine Town Cle

Voted that the following sums be granted for ye following Purposes vizt

To John Chandler Esq for Josiah Gates Town Rates he having been Taxed at Sutton	£0	6	7½
To Jabez Sargeant for Takeing Care of ye meeting House ringing the Bell and providing water for Baptisms	2	2	8
To James Goodwin for a Days work at ye Parsonage		3	4

To Samuel mower for sawing Planks for ye Town		8	o
To John Chandler Jr Esq Town Treasurer to Enable him to pay ye County Tax	16	19	o
Voted that the sum of Sixteen Pounds be granted to defrey what the Town is now [in] arrears for ye Last year	16	o	o
and the sum of fourteen Pounds for defreying Contingent Charges ye Currant year Including Supporting ye Poor	14	o	o
To Timo Paine ye sum of 28/	1	8	
to asa moore 24/	1	4	
John Curtis 24/	1	4	
Jona Stone 24/	1	4	
asessors ye Last year for their Time spent in takeing ye Valuation			
	£54	19	7½

Voted that ye above sum of fifty four Pounds 19/7½ Together with the sum of £43 granted in may Last at the adjournment of march meeting Last and the sum of £118 : 8. 9¼ granted at a Town meeting in may Last makeing in the whole £216 : 8. 4¾ be assessed on the Polls and Estates of ye Inhabitants of ye Sd Town of worcester in one Tax & paid into ye Town Treasury one half by ye 25th Day of December next & ye other half by the first of march next

The Comitte appointed in march Last to settle accounts with John Curtis Late Town Treasurer reported. Read & accepted & thereupon Voted that the Sd John Curtis be discharged he having paid the Ballance of his account being £2 : 11. 0¾ To John Chandler Jr Esq the Present Treasurer

Whereas Joseph Dyar now stands Comitted to his majestys Goal for a fine of Sixteen Pounds &c for not attending a military muster Two Thirds of which Fine belongs to ye Town and the Sd Joseph having been Confined about Two years and it being apprehended by the Town that if he still Continues under Confinement his Family will be Chargeable to the Town. Therefore Voted that upon his paying the other Third of Sd Fine and the Costs that he be discharged from the Sd Two thirds belonging to ye Town

Voted That John Chandler Jr Josiah Brewer Esq & Capt Ephraim Doolittle be a Comitte to Renew and ascertain the Bounds of Publick Lands and make Report at ye next Town meeting

The foregoing Votes passd at S^d^ meeting
att^a^ John Chandler Jr moderator

Entred from ye orig^l^ ℔ Tim^o^ Paine Town Cler

Rec^d^ of Selectmen of worcester Twenty one Pound Six Shillings & Eight pence in full for Two years Interest arising by ye sale of ye ministerial Land Lying by William mahans Ending the 28 of march Last and the sum of Two Pounds & three pence half penny Towards ye present years Interest Worcester march 6 1762
Thaddeus Maccarty

Rec^d^ of the Selectmen of worcester Eight Pound Sixteen Shillings three pence half penny which with ye above sum of Two Pounds and three pence half make Eight Pound & Sixteen Shillings & 3½ and is in full for one years Interest of the ministerial Land sold John Chandler Jr Esq &c Ending ye 28th march 1762
Worcester march 14 1763 Thaddeus Maccarty

N. B. The sum now receiv^d^ is £8 : 16 : 3½

Worcester ss March 11th 1762 att a meeting of the Selectmen of worcester

Voted That there be Two stamps forthwith Prepared for the Sealing of Tanned & Curried Leather That the Stamp for Tanned Leather be Worcester with a T.- and that for Curried Leather be Worcester with a C and that ye said Stamps be Delivered to ye Sealer of Leather atts Timo Paine Town Cler

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Rec^d^ of the Selectmen of worcester Eleven pounds four Shillings in full for ye Interest money arising by ministerial Lying west of Judge Jenison Heirs to the first of november 1762
Worcester march 14th 1763 Thaddeus Maccarty

Worcester ss Att a Town meeting held at worcester regularly assembled 8th march 1762

Voted That John Chandler Junr Esq be ye moderator of said meeting atts Timo Paine Town Cler

agreeable to ye several articles Contained in ye warrant the following affairs were Transacted vizt

John Chandler Jr Esq Timo Paine Esq Josiah Brewer Esq mess asa moore & Daniel Boyden Selectmen & Assessors

Timo Paine Esq Town Cler

John Chandler Jr Esq Town Treasurer

Capt Israel Jenison Nathan Baldwin Saml Brewer & Peter Johnson Wardens

Thomas Wheeler chose Constable procured Palmer Goulding to serve in his Room Thereupon Voted that ye said Palmer Goulding be a Constable in ye Room of ye said Thomas Wheeler

Samuel Bridge chose Constable prayed the Town to Excuse him thereupon Voted that the said Samuel Bridge be Excused from serving [as] Constable

The Town proceeded to ye Choice of a Constable in ye Room of Samuel Bridge & Josiah Peirce was Chosen—Josiah Peirce Chosen Constable prayed to be Excused from serving ye Present year Thereupon Voted that the said Josiah Peirce be Excused

The Town proceeded to ye Choice of a Constable in ye Room of Josiah Peirce Excused & Benja Whitney was Chosen (& Sworn 10th march 1762)

Luke Brown Sealer of Tannd & Curried Leather

Daniel Heywood Clerk of ye market & Surveyor of Shingles & Clapboards

John Gates Samuel Eaton Nathl moore Daniel Ward John Chandler Jr John Curtis Samuel mower Thomas Beard Elisha Smith Junr Surveyors of Highway & Collectors of ye Highway Tax to be granted

John Kelso John Boyden Josiah Harrington Fence Viewers

John Boyden Josiah Peirce Deer Reeves

Samuel Curtis Daniel mcfarland Tythingmen

abraham Taylor Jacob Sanderson John moore Samuel moore Joseph Perry Robert Cook Hogreeves

Samuel Brooks Cornelius Stowell Feild Drivers

All the within officers were duely sworn to their respective offices & took ye oath relative to ye Bills of Credit of ye neighbouring Governments atts Timo Paine Jus Pac

Voted The sum of Forty Three Pounds be granted & assessed according to Law for ye Support of the School & that ye School be Kept Twelve weeks in ye Center & Ten weeks in Each Quarter of the Town as & Last year and that ye Rowes be allowed for schooling as usual. & That mess Nathan Baldwin Daniel Boyden & mathew Gray be a Comitte to Provide a School master

Voted that James Putnam Josiah Brewer Esq & Capt John Curtis be a Comitte to settle accounts with the Town Treasurer

Voted That the sum of one hundred & fifty Pounds be granted & assessed & levied on Polls & Estates in said Town in ye same way & manner as voted at ye General annual meeting held the fourth of march 1750/1 to be Expended in Building Bridges Causeways mending & Repairing decayed ones putting & Keeping The Roads in good Repair the present year and that said sum be worked out by the first of october next and ye same wages be allowed and Rules followed in all Regards as was voted at said meeting and the Selectmen to direct in giving orders to ye Surveyors to allow all Persons to work so as may accomodate them having a general Regard to ye publick good and such Persons if any there be who have not paid their Highway Tax for the Last year may discharge the same by Labor by the first of June next and those who have worked out more than their Proportion may be allowed for ye same out of ye Present years Tax they producing Proper Certificates

Voted That the Selectmen of the Town be discharged from the Interest of the money arising by ye sale of ye ministerial Land Lying west of the Heirs of Judge Jenison Decd to the first of november Last and also from the Interest of ye money arising by ye sale

of Land Lying by Zebadiah Rices Land to ye 28th of march Last they haveing paid the same agreeable to ye votes of ye Town to the Rev^d^ mr maccarty and also for ye sum of Five Pounds Rec^d^ for Interest money arising by ye sale of School Land sold James Putnam Esq for ye Last year they having pd ye same for Schooling agreeable to ye vote of ye Town

Voted That Palmer Goulding & Tyrus Rice be a Comitte to take care of the Parsonage House & Fences & Keep them in good Repair

Voted That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted & assessed according to Law and that the same be appropriated & applyed for Building a School House in that part of ye Town called Parkers Row the School House formerly Erected there being Consumed by Fire under the Direction of the Selectmen

Voted That there be a new meeting House Built for the Publick worship of God. that the same be Erected as nigh the present meeting House as ye Ground will admitt off and that James Putnam Josiah Brewer & Timo Paine Esq mess Elisha Smith Junr Joshua Bigelow Capt Daniel ward & John Chandler Junr Esq be a Comitte to Calculate the Cost of a House Seventy feet long fifty five feet wide and Twenty Eight feet Posts—and what the Difference will be between Building S^d^ House with Brick or wood and lay the same before the Town at the adjornment of this meeting In order for the Town to give further Directions towards Building said House

The Question being put if the Town would discontinue the Road laid out Between the Lands of Nathan Perry and Capt Tyrus Rice and it passd in the negative

Voted That part of a Road formerly Laid out through Land of John Chandler Junr now owned by Capt Daniel mcfarland leading to the Farm James Boyd lived on be discontinued

The Selectmen made Return of a Road Laid out to accomodate mr Joshua Bigelow vizt begining at ye west line of ye Land of the Heirs of Jon^a^ moore Dec^d^ vizt at a heap of stones & from thence Extending Easterly by marked Trees to the Land of S^d^ Bigelow the Road to Lye on the South side S^d^ marks & to be Two Rods wide

Eliphalet moore one of ye Heirs of ye within named Jona in behalf of himself and ye other Heirs objected against said Road being accepted unless the Damage was made good by Reason of S^d^ Road being laid through S^d^ Land

after some Debate Voted that S^d^ Road be accepted as a Town Road provided The Town be at no Cost in makeing good Damages if any be

Voted that this meeting be adjorned to ye 17th of may next Two oClock afternoon

The foregoing Votes past at S^d^ meeting
Att^s^ John Chandler Jr moderator

Entred from ye orig^l^ votes ℔ Tim^o^ Paine Town Cler

Worcester Att a Town meeting held at worcester on ye 17th Day of may A D 1762 by adjornment from ye 8th of march Last

The Comitte appointed on ye 8th of march last to Calculate the Cost of ye new meeting House then Voted to be Built—and what the Difference would be between Building said House with Brick or wood and lay the same before the Town at this Time In order for the Town to give further Directions Towards Building S^d^ House made Report Thereupon Voted that the S^d^ House be built with wood That the same be placed upon the *North* side of ye present meeting House and That John Chandler Junr Esq mr Joshua Bigelow Josiah Brewer Esq Capt John Curtis James Putnam Esq mr Daniel Boyden Capt James Goodwin Capt Jacob Hemenway mr David Bigelo mr Saml mower mr Elisha Smith Junr or the major part of them be a Comitte to Contract with some suitable Person or Persons to Build said House as cheap as may be—The Person or Persons so Contracting to give good Security for performing said work—and that the S^d^ Comitte be defended by ye Town in such Contract provided the sum so Contracted for does not Exceed Twelve hundred Pounds

The foregoing Votes passd at S^d^ meeting
Att^s^ John Chandler Jr moderator

The Honble John Chandler Esq Informed the Town that he proposes to give Forty Pounds Lawfull money towards Building said House and that the sum be applyed for the Releife of such Persons in Town as are most unable to pay their Proportion of Building in such way as the Comitte above said shall think proper

Thereupon Voted that the Thanks of ye Town be given to the Honble John Chandler Esq for his generous Proposal

Voted that this meeting be adjorned to ye first monday of Oct next one oClock afternoon

Att^s John Chandler Junr mod^r

Entred from ye orig^l Votes ℔ Tim^o Paine Town Cler

Worcester ss att a Town meeting regularly assembled at worcester at the meeting House in S^d Town on monday the 17th Day of may a D 1762

Voted That John Chandler Junr Esq be moderator of S^d meeting Att^s Tim^o Paine Town Clerk

Voted that the following sums be granted to ye Following Persons vizt

To Wm Taylor 8/ for 53 Posts for ye Parsonage	0	8	0
To John Chandler Junr Sundries supplied ye Town	1	4	0
To Tyrus Rice work done at ye Parsonage		9	4
To Eb Wiswall mending Glass in ye Parsonage		5	4
To John Gates Carting Posts & one days work at ye Parsonage		5	8
To James Hart for 1 ⌣ Powder to Blow Rocks in ye Highway		2	8
To Saml Eaton Constable for ye year 1760 for amos Sandersons Pole Tax he having pd ye same at Sudbury as ℔ Certificate	1	2	11
To Do for Joseph Dyars Rates Comitted to him to Collect	3	3	10
To John Curtis Jr Constable for 1761 for Sd Dyars Rates Comitted to him to Collect	3	2	2
To Palmer Goulding for Sundry Services	1	10	4
To Palmer Goulding for Do John Fisks Rates he being dead & left no Estate for ye year 1761	1	0	0¼
To Jabez Sargeant Takeing Care ye meeting House ringing Bell providing water for Baptisms	2	2	8

To Jno Curtis conveying a poor Person to Shrewsbury			3
To the Revd mr Thads maccarty ye sum of £80 for his Present years Sallary & ye further sum of £20 in addition thereto In Consideration of ye Dearness of ye necessarys of Life			100 0 0
			114 19 7

The Comitte appointed in march Last to Examine ye account of John Chandler Junr Esq Town Treasr made Report. read & accepted thereupon Voted that the Treasurer be discharged the sum of £292 : 18 : 10½ and whereas it appears that the sums by him paid amount to £18 : 19 9 more than he has recd and that there is still outstanding in Constable Curtis's Hands £11 10 9
& in Constable Gouldings Hands 33 10 10¼
£45 1 7¼

Therefore voted that ye above sum by him so advanced be paid him out of the said outstanding Debts when he receives ye same

Voted that ye sum of Eight Hundred Pounds be granted Towards Building ye new meeting House. That four hundred Pounds part thereof be assessed according to Law the present year and the Remainder thereof being four hundred Pounds more be assessed upon ye Inhabitants of said Town in ye year 1763 and applyed by ye Comitte for ye Purpose afores[d]

The foregoing Votes passd at S[d] meeting
att[s] John Chandler Jr modr

Entred from ye orig[l] ℔ Tim[o] Paine Town Cler

Worcester

Att a Town meeting regularly assembled on ye 25th Day of october A d 1762 three of ye Clock afternoon

Att said meeting John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator
Att[s] Tim[o] Paine Town Cler

Voted that ye following sums be granted for ye Purposes hereafter mentioned vizt

To John Chandler Esq to Enable him to pay ye County Tax	11	6	0
To Jacob Hemenway to discharge his acct for Building the Powder House	4	1	3
To John Chandler In full of his acct Exhibitted for Sundry Supplys for ye Town	7	8	6½
to the Selectmen to Enable them to procure some white oak Plank 3 Inches thick for Bridges	3	10	0
To Do for ye Support of ye Poor ye Present year	25	0	0
To Do to get ye meeting House Glazied	2	0	0
To Henry ward for a Bell Rope found by him		5	4
	£53	11	1½

Voted that such of ye Inhabitants of ye Town as desire it have Liberty to discharge their Tax that may be assessed on them the present year in the whole or in part for Building the new meeting House by finding Stuff for ye same or by their Labor to ye acceptance of ye Comittee or ye major part of them Provided those that find ye Timber for ye frame deliver in a List of what they will procure to the Comittee in one month and deliver the same at ye spot by ye first of may next those that find the stone deliver into ye Comittee what they will find in Ten Days and deliver them by ye first Day of may next Those that find Boards Shingles & Clapboards & Lath deliver in a List in Two months & to deliver them by ye first of august next

Voted that ye Comittee for Building ye meating House or ye major part of [them] have Power to purchase such articles as they cannot agree with the Inhabitants for with any other Person or Persons and that they have Power to Contract with any other Person or Persons for ye framing finishing or any part of Sd House Separately if they think it most advantageous to S^d^ Town

Voted that the sums granted in march & may Last together with ye above sum (Exclusiv of ye meeting House Tax which is to be made separately) be assessed on the Polls & Estates of ye Inhabitants of S^d^ Town in one Tax & paid unto the Town Treasury one half by ye 25th of Decr next & ye other half by the first of march next The foregoing Votes passd at S^d^ meeting

John Chandler moderator

Entred from ye orig^l^ ℔ Tim^o^ Paine Town C.

Worcester Att a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on Monday ye 14th Day of March A. D. 1763 After legal warning for ye Choice of Town Officers &c and to Transact other Matters Agreeable to ye Several Articles Contained in ye Warrant

Att said meeting John Chandler Esq Was Chosen Moderator

Att^s^ Tim^o^ Paine Town Clerk

John Chandler Tim^o^ Paine Josiah Brewer Esqs Capt Eph. Doolittle D^e^ Samuel Miller Chosen Selectmen & assessors

Tim^o^ Paine Esq Town Cler

John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer

Sam^ll^ Moore Nathan Perry John Curtis Junr James M^c^farland Wardens

Jonathan Stone was Chose Constable paid his fine for not serving Thereupon Voted & Chose Henry Ward Constable

Josiah Peirce was chose Constable Procured Samuel Eaton to serve in his Room Thereupon Voted that the S^d^ Sam^ll^ Eaton be A Constable in the Room of the S^d^ Josiah Peirce

Luke Brown Sealer of Leather Tan^d^ & Curried

Daniel Heywood Clerk of ye Market

Eph : Doolittle Surveyor of Boards Shingles Hoops Staves & —

Nathan Baldwin Surveyor of Wheat & flour

Francis Harrington Thos Cowdin Mathew Gray Daniel Ward John Curtis Surveyors of highways & Collectors of ye Highway Tax

Samuel mower Thomas Beard Elisha Smith Junr John Chandler Surveyors of highways & Collectors of ye Highway Tax

Samuel Goddard Joseph Blair Fence Viewers

Asa Flagg Bezeleel Glezen Deer Reeves

Robert Smith Ebenezer Willington Tythingmen

Jacob Holmes Junr Francis Cutting Wm Taylor Mathew Barber Tim^o^ Bigelow John Elder Hogreaves

John Gates Absolom Rice Feild Drivers

Voted That the sum of Forty three Pounds be granted & Assessed According to Law for ye support of ye School the Present year and That the School be Kept Twelve weeks in the Center and

Ten Weeks at Each Quarter of The Town and That the Rowes, so called be Allowed for Schooling as usuall, And that nahum Willard Daniel Boyden and Asa Moore be a Committee to Provide a School Master and The S^{d} Comittee are to Direct in which part of ye Town the School from Time to Time Shall be Kept as Afores^{d}

Voted that John Curtis Joshua Bigelow & Asa Moore be a Committee to Settle Accounts with the Town Treasurer

Voted That The sum of one hundred and fifty Pounds be Granted & Assessed & levied on Polls & Estates in S^{d} Town in ye same way & Manner as Voted at ye General Annual Meeting held ye 4th of March 1750/1 to be Expended in Building Bridges Causways Mending and Repairing decayed ones Putting and Keeping the Roads in good Repair the Present year and that the sum be worked out by ye first of october next & ye Same Wages be Allowed and Rules followed in All Regards as was Voted at said Meeting and ye Selectmen to Direct in Giving orders to ye Surveyors to Allow All Persons to Work so as may accomodate them Having a general Regard to ye Public good and such Persons if any There be who have paid the Highway Tax for ye Last year may Discharge the same by Labor by ye first of June Next, and Those who have worked out more than their Rates for ye Last year may be Allowed for ye same out of ye Present years Tax they producing proper Certificates

Voted That the Selectmen of ye Town be Discharged from the Interest money Arising by the sale of the Ministerial Land Lying West of the Heirs of Judge Jenison Dec^{d} to the first of November 1762 & Also from the Interest of ye money Arising by the sale of Land Lying by Zebediah Rices to ye 28th of March Last They having paid the same to the Rev^{d} mr Maccarty and also for ye sum of Five Pounds rec^{d} for Int: money Arising by ye sale of School Land Sold James Putnam Esq for ye Last year They having Paid the Same for Schooling Agreeable to ye Vote of ye Town

Voted That Tyrus Rice & Palmer Goulding be a Comittee to take Care of the Parsonage House and Fences & Keep them in good Repair

The Selectmen Made Return of a Road Laid out by them Leading out of ye Country Road by Josiah Brewers Ju^{r} Across his Land

Simon Gates Jacob Hemenways [?][1] S[d] Brewers Josiah Brewer Esq Micah Johnson W[m] Young & Solomon Johnsons Ju[r] Land unto the Road Leading from Deacon Thomas Wheelers to y[e] Meeting House, the Question being put Whether The Town would accept of S[d] Road & it passed in the negative

The Selectmen made Return of a Road laid out by them to Accomodate Rob[t] Crawford & D[r] John Green through his Land & y[e] Land belonging to the Heirs of John Ball Dec[d] into the Country Road—The Question being Put Whether the Town Would accept of S[d] Road & it Passed in the Negative

Voted That James Putnam Esq & others have Liberty to set up a School House on such part of the Towns Land as the Selectmen shall think Proper

Voted That There be a Suitable Work house Built for Placing Therein All Persons that are or May hereafter be Supported by The Town The Building of S[d] house to be under The Care Inspection & Directions of y[e] Selectmen

the Aforegoing Votes Passed at said meeting

Att[s] John Chandler Moderator

Entred from y[e] orig[l] Votes att[s] Tim[o] Paine

all the afores[d] officers are duely Sworn Except Sam[l] Goddard Fence Viewer Jacob Holmes hogreave Thomas Cowdin & Thomas Beard Surveyor of highways Att[s] Tim[o] Paine Town Cler

march 22[d] 1763

Jabob Holmes since Sworn viz 22 march 1763

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worcester Att a Town meeting held at the meeting House in worcester after due warning on y[e] 18th may 1763

John Chandler Esq Chose moderator

atts Tim[o] Paine Town Cler

Voted that the following sums be granted for y[e] following Purposes vizt

[1] Word trimmed off.

To John Curtis Jr Constable for ye year 1761 For Thomas Lees Tax	1	17	2½
To Palmer Goulding constable for ye year 1762 for John Ross Rates	1	13	7
To Benja Whitney Constable for ye year 1762 for wiers Rates		15	6
To Palmer Goulding constable for ye year 1762 for Barretts Rates he having been Taxed in Connecticut	1	3	7
To Luke Brown for Two Blankets & a Rugg Supplyd in the Time of ye Small Pox 20/	£1	0	0
To the Revd mr Thaddeus maccarty for his present years Sallary	80	0	0
and the sum of £20 in addition thereto on account of the Dearness & Scarcity of Provisions for ye Present year	20	0	0
	£105	19	10½

upon the fifth article in the warrant relative to the alteration of the Place for the New meeting House the Question being put if the Town would give order for Setting Sd House on ye gravelly Knole between mr Putnams & the Burying Place & it Passed in the Negative—Thereupon Voted that the Comitte for Building the New meeting House as soon as may be pull down the old meeting House and save what stuff they can, and that the New meeting House be Sett on ye Spot where the old one stands, as may be Convenient and that the said new House Front ye Country Road, Former Votes of the Town in march 1762, Notwithstanding

Voted, That the Sd Comittee Hire a Suitable Number of men to Raise the New meeting House in the cheapest manner they can, and that there be no Publick Entertainment

Voted that the sum of £30 be granted for the Support of the Poor the Currant year

The foregoing Votes Pass'd at Sd meeting
John Chandler moderator

[A line trimmed off.]

[The warrant for the above meeting contained the following article:—"7 To See if the Town will grant a sum of money to ye widow Jane Ricky to pay Doctr Greens account for Doctering her Daughter in her late sickness"]

To the Selectmen of worcester Gent

I would Inform you that I have Lately brought into S^d^ Town vizt on ye 15 oct Last a Boy about seven years old son of Samuel Warren of Watertown in ye County of middlesix who is a poor man and now give you Information thereof that you may proceed against him as you think proper Joshua Whitney

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and there is now residing at my House one Sol Sanger who came into [town?] on or about 4th Day of oct Curr^t^. Last from watertown in ye County of middlesix— his Circumstances are not Known to be & desire you would proceed against him as you Judge Proper Joshua Whitney

worcester oct : 18 : 1763

Worcester ss att a Town meeting regularly assembled at the Court Honse in worcester on Tuesday the 25 : Day of oct. 1763 three oClock afternoon

John Chandler Esq Chose moderator

att^s^ Tim^o^ Paine Cler

Voted that ye sum of £11 : 6 be granted to John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer to Enable him to pay ye County Tax	£11	6	0
To Joseph Blair for his Time & Expenses going to Pophret to bring ye Schoolmaster		18	
To Jabez Sargeant ringing Bell &c as usual		2 2	8
	£14	6	8

The Comittee appointed in march last to Examine ye Town Treasurers accounts made report. Read & accepted & whereas it appears by S^d^ account that The Treasurer is in advance for ye Town ye sum of £22 8 3¼ and that there is still outstanding

in Constable Curtis Hands	£1	17	2½
in Palmer Gouldings Hands for 1761	2	3	10¼
in His Hands for 1762	19	16	1¼
in Constable whitneys Hands	10	2	10½
	£34	0	0½

Therefore Voted that the Treasurer pay himself out of said outstanding money the sum by him advanced when he recives the same

Voted that John Chandler Joshua Bigelow & Jacob Hemingway be a Comittee to make sale of ye Effects of ye old meeting House at Publick Vendue giving first Seasonable notice they to account for ye Proceeds

The Inhabitants that were present gave in Lists of their Estates &c

Voted that the sum of £43 granted in march last for Schooling and the sum of £105. 19. 10½ granted at the Town meeting in may last £30 granted for support of ye Poor together with the above sum of £14. 6. 8. makeing in ye whole £193 : 6 : 6½ be assessed upon the Poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of S^d^ Town in one Tax and paid unto the Town Treasurer one half by ye 25 Decr next and ye other half by the first of march next

The foregoing Votes passed at S^d^ meeting

Att^s^ John Chandler mod^r^

Entred ℔ Tim^o^ Paine Town Cler

Worcester at a Town meeting regularly assembled at the meeting House in Worcester, 12th December 1763

Voted that John Chandler Esq be moderator

Att^s^ Tim^o^ Paine Town Cler

Voted that there be Sixty one Pews built in ye new meeting House on ye Floor, and that they be built & ye Seats also, agreeable to a Plan exhibited

That Sixty of S^d^ Pews raise ye sum of four Hundred Pounds & that there be eleven Pews built in ye Front Gallerys upon ye Back of ye Seats, & that S^d^ eleven Pews raise ye sum of Forty four Pounds ; and that John Chandler, James Putnam Tim^o^ Paine Esq^rs^, Cap : James Goodwin & Cap Palmer Goulding be a Committe to estimate S^d^ Pews, by fixing such a Value to each of them that takeing one with another shall raise S^d^ Sums, and lay ye same before ye Town for their Acceptance & Approbation

Voted, that those Persons who are Inhabitants & Freeholders of S^d^ Town & have paid most towards building ye meeting House on their real Estates shall have their Choice of S^d^ Pews, paying according to ye Value set on them, & where it may happen that sundry real Estates have been estimated of an equal Value, in that case ye Person or Persons owning such real Estate that have paid most towards building S^d^ House on their other Estate, shall have ye Preference in their Choices

Voted, that it be an Instruction to ye Committe for Building ye new meeting House that they build a Porch at ye Front Door, so as to accomodate going into ye Front Gallary

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to ye 14th Instant one oClock afternoon, then to meet at ye meeting House

The foregoing votes pass^d^ at S^d^ meeting
atts John Chandler mod

Enterd p Tim^o^ Paine Town Cler

At a Town meeting held at Worcester on ye 14th Day of Decr 1763 one oClock Afternoon at ye Meeting House by Adjournment from ye 12th of S^d^ Month

The Committee appointed to estimate ye Pews in ye new meeting House made Report; That they had attended S^d^ Service & estimated ye Pews on ye lower Floor as marked and numbered on the Plan, in ye following manner vizt

No 1	@	£8	0	No 21	@	£5	10	No 41	@	£5	15
2	@	9	0	22	@	6	12	42	@	7	10
3	@	8	0	23	@	6	12	43	@	7	10
4	@	4	10	24	@	6	12	44	@	8	00
5	@	5	0	25	@	5	10	45	@	8	00
6	@	6	0	26	@	6	12	46	@	8	00
7	@	6	12	27	@	6	12	47	@	8	00
8	@	6	12	28	@	6	00	48	@	6	00
9	@	5	10	29	@	5	00	49	@	6	00
10	@	6	12	30	@	4	10	50	Town Pew		
11	@	6	12	31	@	8	00	51	@	8	00
12	@	6	12	32	@	9	00	52	@	7	10
13	@	5	10	33	@	8	00	53	@	7	10
14	@	8	0	34	@	6	00	54	@	5	15
15	@	9	0	35	@	5	15	55	@	5	5
16	@	9	0	36	@	5	15	56	@	5	5
17	@	7	0	37	@	5	15	57	@	6	0
18	@	9	0	38	@	6	00	58	@	5	15
19	@	9	0	39	@	5	5	59	@	5	15
20	@	8	0	40	@	5	5	60	@	5	15
								61	@	6	00

Read & accepted & voted that ye Prices afores^d^ affixed to S^d^ Pews by S^d^ committee be paid by those that shall draw S^d^ Pews

Voted, that the Pew N°. 18 be granted to ye Home Stead Farm of ye late Honble John Chandler Esq in Consideration of his Donation towards Building S^d^ House

Voted, that ye following Persons have their Choice of S^d^ Pews & in ye order following vizt John Chandler Esq, Daniel & Abel Heywood, Thomas Stearns, Samuel mower, Josiah Harrington, Gershom & Comfort Rice, Elisha & Robert Smith, Nathaniel Adams, James Brown, Jacob Hemingway, Israel Jenison, Joshua Biglo, Francis Harrington, John Chandlers mill Farm, Gardiner Chandler Esqr, Nathaniel moore, John Curtis, Jonathan Stone, John Chaddick, Elisha Smith Junr, Tim^o^ Paine Esq, Daniel Ward, John Boyden, Thomas Rice, Jacob Holmes, Joshua Whitney, Joseph Clark Junr, Jacob Chamberlin, James Goodwin, Thomas Cowden, Ebenezer Flagg, Robert Barber, Ezekiel How, James

Putnam Esq, Tyrus Rice, mathew Gray, Isaac Gleason, Nathan Perry, Thomas Wheeler, Daniel m^{c}farland, David Banecroft, Samuel miller, Daniel Boyden, Benjamin Flagg, William m^{c}farland, Isaac moore, Robert Gray Junr, John m^{c}han, James m^{c}farland, Luke Brown, James Nichols, Josiah Peirce, Amos Wheeler, Asa Flagg, Ebenezer Lovell, Samuel Curtis ; Josiah Brewer Esq, Thomas Parker, Asa moore

The Committe further reported that they had estimated ye Pews in ye Gallery, equally vizt. @ four Pounds each ; read & accepted & voted that ye Price afores^{d} affix^{d} to S^{d} Pews by ye Committe be paid by those that shall draw S^{d} Pews

Voted, that ye following Persons have ye Choice of S^{d} Pews & in ye order following vizt., Ebenezer Wiswell, Jonathan & David Fisk, Samuel Eaton, Edward Knight, John Gates, Joseph Blair, Zebediah Rice, Simon Gates, othniel Taylor, William Harris, Joseph Temple Benjamin Whitney

Voted, that ye above Persons who by ye Votes afores^{d} are entitled to draw S^{d} Pews Signifying in writing unto ye Town Treasurer on or before ye first Day of January next, if they intend to draw their Pews agreable to ye order afores^{d}, and that such Person or Persons who are entitled unto a Pew on ye lower Floor, advance & pay towards S^{d} Pews, each ye sum of five Pounds. And those who are entitled unto a Pew in ye Gallery each ye sum of three Pounds to ye Town Treasurer on or before ye first Day of march next, to be by him paid over unto ye Committe for Building ye new meeting House to enable them to finish ye same, & that upon Drawing ye Pews they pay ye Remainder of ye money

And if any Person or Persons shall neglect to signify his or their mind to ye Treasurer afores^{d}, or to pay S^{d} money at ye time afores^{d}, that in such case, voted that ye next Person below him in ye order afores^{d} shall have ye Liberty of takeing his Place, and so all below advance accordingly in their Choice

Whereas ye Town at this meeting gave Instructions to ye Committee for Building a Porch at ye Front Door, so as to accomodate

going into ye Front Gallery, ye Town taking ye same into further Consideration, voted, that ye Sd Committee only build a low Porch at Sd Door

The foregoing votes passd at Sd meeting
attr John Chandler moderator

Enterd p Timo Paine Town Cler

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att a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the fifth Day of march a D 1764 after Legal warning for the Choice of Town officers &c & to Transact other matters agreeable to the several articles Contained in ye Warrant

at said meeting John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator
att Timo Paine Town Cler

John Chandler Esq Timothy Paine who declined serving Ephraim Doolittle Jacob Hemingway Palmer Goulding Samll miller Chosen Selectmen

voted that ye Selectmen be also assessors for ye year Ensueing

John Chandler Esq Town Cler

John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer

Ebenezer Willington Phinehas Ward Samll moore Capt Tyrus Rice Wardens

Benjamin Flagg Luke Brown Constables

Luke Brown Sealer of Leather Tanned & Curried

Ephraim Doolittle Clerk of ye market

Ephraim Doolittle Surveyor of Boards Shingles Hoops Staves &c

Nathan Baldwin Surveyor of Wheet & flower

Joshua Bigelow Samuel Brooks Capt Daniel Ward Josiah Brewer Jr Samll mower Thos Beard Elisha Smith Jr Josiah Peirce Nathan Perry Surveyors of Highways & Collectors of the Highway Tax

William mahan Joshua Whitney Fence Viewers

Isaac moore Benja Stowell Deer Reeves

Joseph Wiley Isaac Willard Tythingmen

John Lincoln andrew Boyd Francis Cutting abraham Taylor Sam[ll] Whitney nath[ll] Tatman Robert Cook Joseph Perry Hog Reeves

John Gates Tho[s] Brown Field Drivers or Hay wards

Voted that y[e] sum of forty three pounds be granted and assessed according to Law for y[e] Support of y[e] School y[e] Present year and that the School be Kept twelve weeks in the Center and ten weeks at each Quarter of y[e] Town and that y[e] Rows so called be allowed for Schooling as usuall and that Nahum Willard Daniel Boyden and Josiah Peirce be a Comitte to Provide a School master

Voted that James Putnam Esq Joshua Biglo and Capt James Goodwin be a Comittee to settle accounts with y[e] Town Treasurer

Voted that y[e] Sum of one Hundred and fifty Pounds be Granted and assessed and Levied on y[e] Polls & Estates in said Town in the same way and manner as voted at y[e] General annual meeting Held the fourth march 1750/1 to be Expended in Building Bridges Causways mending & Repairing Decayed ones Putting and Keeping the Roads in good Repair the Present year and that y[e] same be worked out by y[e] first of october next and y[e] same wages be allowed and Rules followed in all Regards as Voted at said meeting and the Selectmen to Direct in Giving orders to y[e] Surveyors to allow all Persons to work so as may accomodate them haveing a general Regard to y[e] Publick Good and Such Persons if any there be who have not paid their Highway Tax for y[e] Last year may discharge y[e] same by Labour by y[e] first of June next and those who have worked out more than their Rates for y[e] Last year may be allowed for y[e] same out of y[e] Present years Tax they Producing Proper Certificates

Voted that y[e] Select men of y[e] Town be Discharged from the Interest money arising by y[e] sale of y[e] ministerial Land Lying west of y[e] Heirs of Judge Jenison Dec[d] to y[e] first of novem[r] 1763 and also from y[e] Interest mony arising by y[e] sale of Land Lying by Zebadiah Rices to y[e] 28th of march Last they having paid y[e] same to y[e] Rev[d] mr maccarty and also for y[e] sum of five pound Received

for Interest mony arising by ye sale of School Land sold James Putnam Esq for ye Last year they having Paid ye same for Schooling agreeable to ye vote of ye Town

Voted that mess James Goodwin Joshua Biglo and John Curtis be a Comittee to view the Parsonage and Report at ye next meeting what Repairs are Necessary to be made

agreeable to ye 8th article in ye warrant ye Question was Put if ye Town would vote to build four more Pews on ye Lower Floor in ye meeting House and it Passed in ye Negative

agreeable to ye 9th article in ye Warrant ye Question was Put if ye Town would Reconsider ye vote of ye Town Passed ye 12th of December Last Relative to ye Drawing ye Pews on Real Estates &c & it passed in the Negative

and thereupon voted that those Persons who have complyed with the vote of the Town Relative to signing for and advancing five pounds Towards their Pews That upon their Drawing their Pews and paying ye Remainder of ye mony for their said Pews That the Pews so Drawn by them be to them their Heirs and assigns forever and that ye Clerk for ye time being make Record of the said Pews and by whom Drawn

upon ye 10th article ye Question was put if ye Town will Choose Collectors to Collect ye Taxes in Leiu of the Constables & it passed in ye Negative

Upon the Eleventh article Relative to some addition to the Rev^d^ mr maccartys Sallery voted not to act thereon at this time

Voted that the Comittee for Building ye meeting House be & hereby are Directed to Build a Porch in ye front of ye meeting House so as to accomodate going up into ye front Gallery

upon the 13th article ye Question was Put if ye Town would now Give orders for ye assessing ye sum of four pounds Granted to Josiah Peirce 19th may 1755 To Enable him In some measure to pay for a Road through ye Land of Samuel Eaton and it Passed in ye Negative

the foregoing votes Passed at said meeting

atts John Chandler moderator

Worcester ss march 5, 1764 I Certifye that all ye within named Persons Elected to offices in ye Town of Worcester ye Ensueing year (Except Thos Beard a Surveyor of Highways and Collector of Highway Taxes andrew Boyd & Robert Cook and abraham Taylor Hogreaves) personally appeared and made oath to ye faithfull Discharge of their Respective offices according to Law and at ye same time took ye oath Relative to ye Bills of Credit of ye Neighbouring Governments Coram Tim^o^ Paine Jus^t^ Pac^s^

Worcester ss march 6: 1764 andrew Boyd above named a Hogreave made oath to ye faithfull Discharge of his office & Took ye oath Relative to ye Bills of ye Neighbouring Governments
Coram Tim Paine J Pacis

Entred ℔ John Chandler Town Cler

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at a Town meeting held at ye meeting House in Worcester on Wednesday ye 23 Day of may a D 1764 after Legal Warning Two oClock afternoon

John Chandler Esq Chose moderator
atts John Chandler Town Cler

voted that ye following sums be Granted for the following Purposes vizt

To Capt Tyrus Rice for work at ye Parsonage		0	4 6
To James Trowbridge for 300 of Plank	16: 0		
To Do for Timber for Clarks Bridge	1	1	16 0
To Josiah Brewer Esq for 180 feet 3 Inch Plank			12 8
To Simeon Duncan for 2 cord wood for Widdow Glasford			8
To Henry Ward for Transporting a poore Person to Shrewsbury			4 6
To Isaac miller for his Personal Estate Taxed in ye years 1762 Through mistake ye sum of		1	0 4
To Samuel Eaton for Pollards Pole Tax			11 7¾
To Do for Wm Jordan Tax		1	2 0¾
To Constable Ward for Francis Harrington Jur Pole Tax		1	0 0¾
To mr Samll Brooks for asael Warrens Pole Tax he not being of ye age of Sixteen years		1	0 0¾

To the Revd mr Thaddeus maccarty for his Present years Sallery	£80 0 0	
and ye sum of 20/ addition thereto on account of the Dearness & Scarcity of Provision ye Present year	20	100
		£107 19 10

upon ye fifth article Relative to ye Repairs of ye Parsonage House the Comitte Reported verbally that it was Necessary to ye Repair ye same whereupon it was voted that ye Honble Tim^o^ Paine Esq Capt James Goodwin and mr Jacob Chamberlin be a Comittee for that Purpose that they be directed to make a Thorough Repair and if need be to Build a New Chimney and Lay their account of charge before ye Town for Payment

on ye sixth article ye Town Treasurer Reported verbally that mr Josiah Peirce signed for mr Ebenezer Flagg to have his Pew in the meeting House and that mr William Young paid the five Pound mentioned in the vote of the Town of 14th of December Last not having his order for so Doing Whereupon the Question was put whether said Flagg had Complyed with ye vote of ye Town and it Passed in ye Negative

Whereupon voted that as mr Joseph Blair had complyed with the vote of ye Town Relative to a Pew in ye Gallery and having paid five Pound to ye Treasurer he have a Pew on ye Lower flower he complying with ye Conditions of ye vote of ye Town Relative to ye Pews

Said Treasurer also Reported that Joshua Biglo had not Complyed with ye vote of ye Town Relative to his Pew Whereupon it was voted that mess Jonathan and David Fisk have a Pew on ye Lower flower they being ye Next Highest Payers they Paying five Pound to the Treasurer in one month and on Drawing ye Pew Complying with the vote of ye Town Relative to the Pews

Said Treasurer also Reported that mr amos wheeler had not Complyed with ye vote of ye Town Relative to his Pew voted that ye Treasurer Look over ye List of Real Estates for ye years 1762 & 1763 and on his Finding ye Highest Payer on Real Estates that Person to be Entituled to a Pew and if it should so Happen that

several Persons Real Estates should be Estimated at an Equal value then ye Preference to be Given to him out of said Number that pays most on his Personal Estate he paying five Pound to ye Treasurer in one month and on Drawing said Pew Complying with ye vote of Town Relative to ye Pews

voted that said Pews be Granted to them their Heirs & assigns forever & to Choose their Pews In ye order of this vote

voted that it be an Instruction to ye Comittee not to Build ye Pews in ye front Gallery at ye Present

on ye Seventh article voted that ye Honble Timothy Paine Esq Gardiner Chandler Capt Palmer Goulding mess Jacob Chamberlin and Jonathan Stone be a Comittee to Settle accounts with the Comittee for Building ye meeting House and Report at ye next meeting

on ye Eighth article voted that ye forty Pounds Given by ye Executors of ye Late Honble John Chandler Esq Dec^d^ Towards building a New meeting House be applyed towards Purchasing a Bell in said House and that ye old Bell be sold and ye Proceeds thereof be added to said forty Pounds for said Purpose

on ye Ninth article voted that James Putnam Esq Jacob Chamberlin John Curtis Ephraim Doolittle and Palmer Goulding be a Comittee to assign to such Persons as are Desireous of Building Stables near ye meeting House Suitable and Convenient Places therefor and that they be built with Double Ruffs & agreeable to ye Directions of ye Comittee

The aforegoing votes Passed at said meeting
att John Chandler moderator

Entered ℔ John Chandler Town Cler

Received of John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer of Worcester one Hundred Pound Lawfull money In full for my Last years Sallrey Ending in June Last Octo 17 : 1764

Thaddeus Maccarty

at a Town meeting held at ye meeting House in Worcester on monday the tenth Day of September a D 1764 after Legal Warning at four oClock afternoon

John Chandler Esq Chose moderator

att John Chandler Town Cler

upon ye second article ye Question was Put if ye Town would sell ye Parsonage House with ye Land adjoyning and it passed in ye negative

[Second article: "The Comittee for Repairing ye Parsonage House haveing Informed the Selectmen that ye same cannot be Done without Great Cost and Charge and Desireing a Town meeting to Know ye mind of ye Town Relateing to ye Premises—To vote if they see Cause to sell the Parsonage House with ye Land adjoyning"]

upon ye third article ye Question was put if ye Town would build a New House on ye Towns Land and where they should order and it passed In ye Negative

upon ye fourth article ye Question was put if ye Town would give and Grant said House and Land adjoyning to ye Rev^d^ mr Thaddeus maccarty his Heirs and assigns forever on condition of his Discharging the Town from any further Cost & Charge Relative to ye Parsonage and it passed in ye affirmative Whereupon it was voted that ye Honble Tim^o^ Paine Esq Capt James Goodwin and mr Jacob Chamberlin be a Comittee in ye name of ye Town to take a full Discharge of ye Rev^d^ mr maccarty Relative to ye Parsonage that ye Town be put to no further Charge on that account and upon their Receiving said Discharge to make seal & Execute unto ye said Thaddeus maccarty his Heirs & assigns forever In ye Name of ye Town a Good and Sufficiant Deed of ye Parsonage House and Land adjoyning with ye appurtenances thereof Containing about two acres and that ye Town will Indemnifye said Comittee from all Cost & Charge Relative thereto

ye aforegoing votes Passed at said meeting

att John Chandler moderator

Entered ℔ John Chandler Town Cler

at a Town meeting Held at the meeting House In Worcester on Thursday the Eighteenth Day of october a D 1764 after Legal Warning Eight oClock forenoon

John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator

att John Chandler Town Cler

voted that ye following sums be Granted for ye following Purposes vizt

To Timothy Paine Esq for Brick & Lime for ye Repairing ye Parsonage House	11	10	8
To John Chandler Esq his acct		11	4½
To Do To Enable him to pay ye County Tax	14	18	1
To Samll Eaton for Jonathan Parks Pole Tax	1	0	0¾
To Benja Whitney for Wm Brewers Pole Tax	1	3	7
To Palmer Goulding for Benja Johnsons Pole Tax	1	0	7
To Jacob Hemingway for 140 feet Plank @ 7/		9	9½
To Robert Barber for 180 feet Do 7/		12	7
Voted that ye sum of 50/ be granted to ye Selectmen for ye Support of ye Poore ye Currant year they to be accountable	50		
	71	9	8¾

Voted that ye above sum of 71 : 9 : 8¾ with ye sum of 43/ Granted in march Last for Schooling and the sum of 107 : 19 : 10 Granted in may Last making in ye whole ye sum of £222 : 9/ 6¾ be Levied & assessed upon the Poles and Estates in said Town in one Tax ye Currant year one half of said sum to be paid into the Town Treasurer on or before the 25th Day of December next and the other half on or before the first Day of march next

The Comittee appointed in march Last to Examine the Town Treasurers accounts made Report Read & accepted and whereas it appears by said account that the Treasurer is in advance for the Town the sum of 94 : 1 : 7

and that there is still outstanding in

Constable Whitneys Hands	1	11	0
In Constable Gouldings Hands	22	9	1¼
In Constable Wards Hands	28	18	8¼
In Constable Eatons Hands	47	18	8¾
	100	17	6¼

Therefore voted that ye Treasurer pay himself out of said out standing mony when he Receives ye same

The Comittee appointed in may Last to Examine the account of ye Comittee for Building ye meeting House Read & accepted whereby it appears they have already paid Towards Said House the Sum of £1242 : 17 : 6 and that they have Received in Cash &c Including forty Pound a Donation made by the Late Honble John Chandler Esq the sum of Eleven Hundred twenty one pound fifteen Shillings & ten pence farthing So that ye Comittee are in advance the sum of one Hundred twenty one Pound one Shilling & Seven pence three farthings

The Comittee further Report that there is yet out standing of the meeting House Tax already Raised the sum of Sixteen pound Six Shillings and Six pence farthing which with ye sum of ninety Six pound yet Due from ye Persons Intituled to Pews on ye Lower flower makes one Hundred and twelve pound Six Shillings & Six pence farthing and may be applyed towards paying ye above Ballance

and from the Best Information Your Comittee Can Git there will be a Necessaty of Raising the Sum of two Hundred and fifty Pound in order to Discharge ye Remaining Part of said Ballance and for finishing ye House and upon ye whole are of opinion that the said account be allowed and Lodged with the Town Treasurer for ye Inspection of any of ye Inhabitants of said Town

Whereupon it was voted that ye said Ballance of 121 : 1 : 7¾ be paid to John Chandler Town Treasurer who advanced the same out of ye Ballance of ye Pew mony ye outstanding mony & ye Remainder out of ye Grant that shall be made at this meeting for finishing ye House

on ye fifth article voted that the sum of three Hundred Pound be Granted Levied and assessed in one Tax ye Currant year on ye Poles and Estates In said Town one half thereof to be paid into the Town Treasury on or before ye Twenty fifth Day of December next and the Remainder on or before ye first Day of march next to be by him paid over to ye Comittee for Building ye meeting House to Enable them to Compleet ye same

on ye Sixth article voted that mess Ephraim Doolittle Joshua Biglo and Nathan Baldwin be a Comittee to appear In the name of the Town at ye next Court of Gen^ll^ Sessions of ye peace to be holden at Worcester for said County on the first Tuesday of novenber next to Give Reason why the Road Laid from the House of Josiah Brewer Ju^r^ to Deacon Wheelers Road ought to be Discontinued and that they Lay their accounts of Charge before ye Town

on the Eighth article voted not to act thereon

[Article "8 For the Town to give such order as they shall Judge Proper to the Comittee for Building the meeting House Relative to the Pews in ye front Gallery whither to Build or not to Build them"]

on ye Ninth article voted that ye Comittee for Providing a School master the Currant year Provide masters Sufficient that each part of the Town may have their Schooling within ye year the masters they shall Provide to be approved of by ye Selectmen

on ye Tenth article voted that Timothy Paine James Putnam & John Chandler Esq^rs^ Give Reason to ye Gen^ll^ Court why ye Prayer of abel Lawrence and others Praying for part of ye County of Worcester & part of ye County of middlesex to be Erected Into a Separate County Should not be Granted

on the Eleventh article voted that ye Selectmen Provide a suitable Person to Ring ye Bell and take Care of ye meeting House & to sweep ye same and Provide water for Baptisms and agree with such Person as to ye Price of his Service

voted that this meeting be adjourned for one Hour to be held at this Place att John Chandler moderator

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at a Legal meeting held at the meeting House In Worcester on ye 18th Day of October a D 1764 one oClock after noon by adjournment at twelve oClock on this Day for one Hour

on ye Seventh article voted that the Persons to whom the Pews on ye Lower flower by former votes have been assigned Imediately make their Respective Choices & In ye order assigned them by ye vote of ye Town of ye 14th of December Last

Whereupon John Chandler Esq ye owner of ye Homestead farm of ye Late Honble John Chandler Esq Decd Chose ye Pew No 18 being ye Pew assigned Him for said Farm by ye vote of ye 14th of Decr Last John Chandler the Pew No 32 Daniel & abel Heywood the Pew No 19 Thomas Stearnes ye Pew No 44 Samuel mower ye Pew No 31 Josiah Harrington the Pew No 15 Gershom and Comfort Rice the Pew No 46 Elisha and Robert Smith the Pew No 20 Nathaniel Adams the Pew No 1 James Brown the Pew No 3 Jacob Hemingway the Pew No 17 Israel Jenison the Pew No 29 Francis Harrington the Pew No 16 John Chandler Esq the Pew No 5 Gardiner Chandler Esq the Pew No 2 Nathaniel moore the Pew No 11 John Curtis the Pew No 51 Jonathan Stone the Pew No 47 John Chaddick the Pew No 39 Elisha Smith Jur the Pew No 23 Timothy Paine Esq the Pew No 33 Daniel Ward the Pew No 14 John Boyden the Pew No 43 Thomas Rice the Pew No 38 Jacob Holmes the Pew No 30 Joshua Whitney the Pew No 12 Joseph Clark Jur the Pew No 9 Jacob Chamberlin the Pew No 22 James Goodwin the Pew No 57 Samuel Hunt assignee of Thomas Cowdin the Pew No 28 Robert Barber the Pew No 21 Ezekiel How ye Pew No 27 James Putnam Esq the Pew No 45 Tyrus Rice the Pew No 13 mathew Gray the Pew No 56 Isaac Gleeson the Pew No 24 Nathan Perry the Pew No 10 Thomas Wheeler the Pew No 4 Daniel mcfarland the Pew No 49 David Bancroft the Pew No 40 Samuel miller the Pew No 25 Daniel Boyden the Pew No 42 Benjamin Flagg the Pew No 55 William mcfarland the Pew No 54 Isaac moore the Pew No 58 Robert Gray Jur the Pew No 61 John mchan the Pew No 6 James mcfarland the Pew No 48 Luke Brown the Pew No 53 James Nichols the Pew No 8 Josiah Peirce ye Pew No 26 John Chandler assignee of asa Flagg the Pew No 7 Ebenezer Lovell the Pew No 34 Samuel Curtis the Pew No 41 Josiah Brewer Esq the Pew No 52 Thomas Parker the Pew No 37 asa moore the Pew No 35 Joseph Blair the Pew No 59 Jonathan and David Fisk the Pew No 60 John mower the Pew No 36

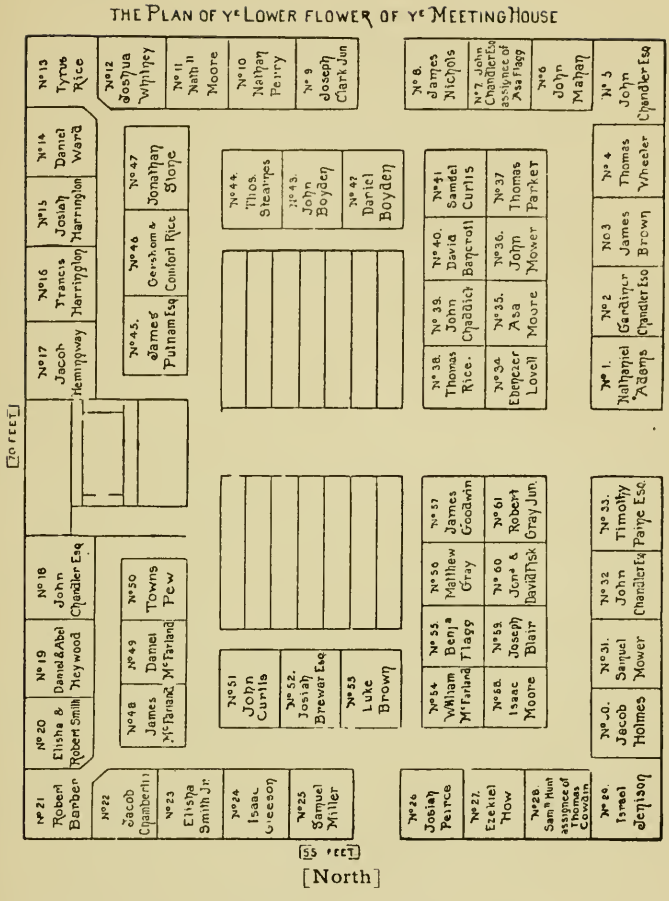
The Town Treasurer Informed the Town that ye aforenamed Persons had paid him their Respective Ballances for their Pews—

as they Chose them Whereupon it was unanimously voted that ye aforenamed Persons their Heirs and assigns forever should have hold & Injoy their Pews Respectively as Numbered Butted & bounded In y^e^ annexed Plan agreeable to y^e^ former votes of the Town

att John Chandler moderator

Entered from y^e^ original & Compared therewith

℔ John Chandler Town Cler



Entered from yᵉ original & Compared therewith
℔ John Chandler Town Clerk

[This Plan is reduced in size one half.]

Worcester march 5 : 1764 Received of the Selectmen of Worcester Eleven pound four Shillings In full for ye Interest mony arising by the sale of ye ministerial Land Lying West of Judge Jenisons Heirs to the first of november 1763

£11 : 4 : 0 Thaddeus Maccarty

Worcester march 5 : 1764 Received of the Selectmen of Worcester ten pound Sixteen Shillings and Seven pence In full for one years Interest arising by ye sale of ye ministerial Land Lying by Zebadiah Rices Ending ye 28 march 1763

£10 : 16 : 7 Thaddeus Maccarty

Worcester march 14 : 1765 Received of ye Selectmen of Worcester Eleven pound four Shillings In full for ye Interest mony arising by the sale of ye ministerial Land Lying West of ye Land of ye Heirs of Judge Jenison Dec^d^ To the first of november 1764

£11 : 4 : 0 Thaddeus Maccarty

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Thaddeus Maccarty

No. XV.

WORCESTER

TOWN RECORDS

From 1765 to 1774.

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at S^{d} meeting John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator
att John Chandler Town Clerk

John Chandler Ephraim Doolittle Palmer Goulding Samuel miller Samuel mower John Boyden Josiah Peirce Chosen Selectmen & Assessors

John Chandler Esqr Town Clerk

John Chandler Esqr Town Treasurer

Daniel m^{c}farland James Goodwin Jacob Chamberlain Cornelius Stowel Wardens

Jabez Totman Chose Constable who Procured Sam^{ll} Eaton to Serve in his Room whereupon ye Town voted to Excuse him and chose the said Samuel Eaton, amos Wheler } Constables

Nathan Baldwin Sealer of Leather Tanned & Curried

Ephraim Doolittle Clerk of the market

Ephraim Doolittle Surveyor of Boards Shingles hoops Staves

Nathan Baldwin Survayer of Wheat & flour

Luke Brown Daniel Ward Samuel mower Elisha Smith Junr Tiras Rice James Goodwin Noah Jones Samnel Eaton Jonathan Stone Survayors of Highways and Collectors of the Highway Taxes

Isaac Gleason John Gates fence Viewers

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John Fisk David Biglo Tythingmen

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on ye fourth article voted that Ephraim Doolittle Joshua Biglo & Jacob Chamberlain be a Committee to Settle accounts with the Town Treasurer

on the fifth Article Voted that ye sum of one Hundred & fifty Pound be Granted assessed & Levied on ye Polls & Estates in said Town in ye same way and manner as voted at ye Gen^ll^ annual meeting Held the 4th of march 1750/1 to be Expended in Building Bridges & Causways mending & Repairing Decayed ones Putting & Keeping ye Roads in Good Repair ye Present year and that the same be Worked out by ye first Day of october next and the same wages be allowed and Rules followed In all Regards as voted at said meeting and that the Select men Direct in Giving orders to ye Surveyors to allow all Persons to work so as may accomodate them having a General Regard to ye Publick Good & such Persons if any there be who have not paid their Highway Tax for the Last year may Discharge the same by Labor by ye first of June next and those who have worked out more than their Rates for the Last year may be allowed for ye same out of the Present years Tax they Producing Proper Certificates

on ye Sixth article voted that ye Selectmen be Discharged from the Interest money arising by ye sale of ye ministerial Land Lying west of ye Heirs of Judge Jenison Decd to ye first of Nov 1764 and also from ye Interest money arising by ye sale of ye Land Lying by Zebediah Rices to ye 28th of march Last they having paid ye same to ye Rev^d^ m^r^ maccarty

on the Seventh Article ye Question was Put whether the Town would set of Samuel Cowdin with his Estate to ye Town of Holding there to do Duty & Recieve Priviledge And it Passed to the Negative

on the Eighth Article voted that the Pews In the front Gallery be Set at four Pounds each Pew and that the following Persons viz Joseph m^c^Crakin Jonathan Gates noah Jones William Young William m^c^hon Josiah Flagg David Thomas Phinehas Ward John Curtis Junr and Joseph Wiley each have a Pew & in the order aforesaid and on the following Condition viz that those of them that draw their Pews within one week Signify in Writing unto the Town Treasurer their Intentions to draw their Pews and that those that Signify their Intentions of Drawing said Pews also Pay for them to the Town Treasurer within four Weeks from this time & the Treasurer Shall Pay over ye money he Receives to ye Committee for Building ye meting house to Enable to finish ye same and if any or all of ye aforenamed Persons do not Comply with the order aforesaid that the Selectmen assign other Person or Persons in ye Room & Stead of ye Person or Persons that shall not Comply with ye Vote aforesaid & under such Ristrictions as the Selectmen shall order and on the first Number or any other Compliing with this Vote In Signing and Paying for their Pews that they be & hereby are Granted them their Heirs & Assigns for ever

On the Ninth Article ye Selectmen made Return of Sundry Roads Laid out by them viz a Road Laid beginning at the House of John Chandler where Benjamin Fisk now Lives & Extending North Easterly to Noah Jones Land & from thence on his Line to the Land of Wm Parker & from thence threw said Parkers Land to ye Road Leading to oxford to be two Rods wide

Voted that said Road or way be accepted as a Town way & ye Selectmens Return be Recorded

also a Road Laid to accomodate John Kelso beginning at his House & Extending Southerly across ye Plain of Timothy Paine Esq By markt Trees & a Stake to the Land of ye Heirs of Cornelius Waldo and from thence by markt trees through said Heirs Land to ye Land of ye Heirs of Thomas Hancock Esq Dec^d^ & y^e^

Land of m^r^ Varney to ye County Road Said Road to be two Rods wide & to be a Bridle way through said Pains Land said Kelso to make and Keep the Gates In Repair—Voted that said way or Road be Excepted as a Private way & ye Return of the Selectmen be Recorded

also a Return of a Road Laid out by Garsham Rice David Bancraft & Daniel Boyden by order of the Selectmen beginning at William Elders Land & Running to ye Northeast Corner of Phinehas Wards orchard & from thence on the Line between said Elder and Ward one Rod in Each of their Lands to Land of the Heirs of James furbush Decd & from thence one Rod in said Heirs Land & one Rod in said Elders Land & Continueing ye same Coarse till it Comes to ye Town Road Leading into ye County Road that Leads to Sutton voted that said way or Road be accepted as a Town Road & ye Return of ye Committee of ye Selectmen be Recorded

on the tenth Article the Question was Put Whither ye Town would abate all or any part of the Taxes of David Ingersole Joshua Atherton Thomas Berd Ju^r^ mr John Berd & moses Redman and it passed in the Negative

on the Eleventh Article Voted that miss Joshua Biglo Noah Jones Absolom Rice Ephraim Doolittle and Nathan Baldwin be a Comittee to seat the Meting House and that it be an Instruction to ye Comittee to observe ye same Rules by which ye Pews were Disposed of viz to Give ye Preferance to those Persons that have paid most towards building said House on their Real Estate viz In the year 1762 and 1763 and that they make Report as soon as may be

on the twelfth article voted that it be an Instruction to ye Selectmen for ye time being to Prosecute such Person or Persons as Recieve any person or Persons into their Houses who Dont Comply with ye Law by Informing ye Selectmen thereof

on the thirteenth Article voted that Mess John Curtis Joshua Biglo and Ephraim Doolittle be a Comittee to take Care of the Towns Lands and to Prosecute such Person or Persons as have already or may hereafter be Trespassed thereon

ye fourteenth article Refereed to ye adjournment of the meeting

[Article "14 To See if the Town will Grant ye Petition of Thomas Rice & ten others Relative to the Place for Keeping the School in the East Quarter of the Town & to order that the South End of said Quarter may for the future have some Part of ye School money Expended among them"]

on the 15 Article voted that Such of ye Inhabitants as are Desireous to Build Houses to Warm themselves & familys on Lords Days have Liberty to Erect them on the Southwesterly side of ye Burying Yard & ye Westerly end thereof so that they Dont Discommode ye Gate

ye Sixteenth article Refered to ye adjournment of ye meting

[Artcle "16 The Town having by a Vote Given Liberty to Gardiner Chandler & others to Build a School House on ye Towns Land & they having Built ye Same on the Northwest Corner of the School Land for ye Town to Vote their approbation thereof"]

on the Seventeenth article voted that the sum of Eight Pound be Granted and assessed & Levyed on the Polls & Estates In said Town to [be] Paid by ye Treasurer to ye Selectmen to Enable them to Provide a Standard of Weights & measures agreable to Law

ye Eighteenth article Refered to ye adjournment of the Meeting

[Article "18 To See if the Town will take upon them to free Capt Thomas Stearnes from all Charges Respecting ye Last Sickness & Funeral Charges of Richard Stowers Lat of Worcester Decd or any part thereof"]

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the third monday In may next at one oClock afternoon to be Held at this Place

The aforegoing votes Passed at Said meeting
att John Chandler moderator

Worcester ss: march 18: 1765 I Cetrifie that all ye within named Persons Elected to offices in ye Town of Worcester the Ensueing year Except (Samuel Eaton and amos Wheeler Constables John Ball Jonas Hubbard & Jonathan Fisk Hog Constables Ebenezer Willington & Joseph Perry field Drivers) Personally appeared and made oath to ye faithfull Discharge of their Respective offices according to Law and at ye same time took ye oath Relative to ye Bills of Credit of ye Neighbouring Governments

Tim^o^ Paine Jus^t^ Pacis

Worcester ss : march 18 : 1765 I Certifie that ye following Persons Elected to offices in ye Town of Worcester the Ensueing year vizt. Samuel Eaton and amos Wheeler Constables John Ball Hog Constable Ebenezer Willington and Joseph Perry field Drivers Personally appeared and made oath to ye faithfull Discharge of their Respective offices according to Law and at ye same time took ye oath Relative to the Bills of Credit of ye Neighbouring Governments Coram Josiah Brewer Justice of Peace

Entered from ye original and Compared therewith

℔ John Chandler Town Cler

memorandum of a Town Road Laid to accomodate John Chandlers House and farm on which Benjamin Fisk Lives vizt Begining at ye Easterly End of said House & Extending Northeasterly over the brook to ye Southerly Line of noah Jones Land to a Stake and from thence Extending on said Jones Line to his Southeasterly Corner and from thence in ye Land of William Parker Easterly to a White oak marked and from thence to a maple Stand marked in a small Run of Water and from thence to a small Chesnut marked and from thence to a White oak marked and from thence to a Walnutt Staddle marked and from thence to a Black oak marked ye Road to Lye on ye Southerly Side ye marks aforesaid and from thence to his orchard fence and Extending as ye orchard fence now Stands to the Hog Pen North of his House and from thence to ye Road by said Parkers House Leading to oxford the Road from the Last mentioned tree to Lye on ye most northerly Side Said fence & to be two Rods wide

Worcester Feb 26 : 1765 Ephraim Doolittle, Jacob Hemingway, Palmer Goulding, Samuel miller } Selectmen of Worcester

Entered from ye original & Compared therewith

℔ John Chandler Town Cler

memorandum of a way Laid to accomodate John Kelso begining at his House and Extending Southerly to a Walnut Staddle in ye Land of Timothy Paine Esq and from thence to a Pitch Pine marked and from thence to a Stake and from thence on ye East

Side of a Hollow and from thence to a white oak the Road to Lye on ye Easterly Side Said marks to ye Last mentioned tree and from thence to said Paines Southerly Line through said Paines Land it is Laid a Bridle way through Gates said Kelso to make and Keep the Gates In Repair and from thence to a white oak marked in ye Land of the Heirs of Cornelius Waldo Dec^d^ and from thence to a white oak in ye Land of the Heirs of Thos Hancock Dec^d^ and ye Land of m^r^ Varney and from thence through their Land by marked trees to ye Country Road said Road to be two Rods wide and from ye Last tree named In said Paines Land to ye Country Road ye Road to Lye on ye Westerly & Southerly Side of ye marks

Worcester Feb 25 : 1765 — John Chandler, Ephraim Doolittle, Jocob Hemingway, Palmer Goulding, Sam^ll^ miller — Selectmen of Worcester

Entered from ye original & Compared therewith

℔ John Chandler Town Cler

We the Subscribers being appointed a Comittee by the Selectmen of Worcester to Lay out a Road from the County Road Leading to m^r^ Gershom Rices thro ye Land of William Elder and Phinehas Ward to the Land of ye Heirs of James Furbush Dec^d^ and from thence thro said Heirs Land to the Town Road Leading to the County Road Leading to Sutton accordingly we have attended Said Service and Beg Leave to make Report that we have Laid out said Road Begining at ye northwest Corner of said Wards Land two Rods wide upon said Elder till we Come to the North east Corner of said Wards orchard and from thence Shelving Into Said Wards Land one Rod & from thence one Rodd upon said Ward and one upon said Elder till we Come to the Land of ye Heirs of James Furbush Dec^d^ and from thence one Rod upon said Heirs Land and one upon said Elders till we Come to the End of the Lane now trod and from thence turning as now trod Leading by ye House of ye Heirs of said Furbush till we Come to

the Town Road Leading to the County Road that Leads to Sutton as witness our Hands this 26th Day of February 1765

Gershom Rice
David Bancroft } Comittee
Daniel Boyden

Entered from ye original & Compared therewith

℔ John Chandler Town Cler

The Town at their annual meeting In march Last voted that when the Persons to whom ye Pewes In the front Gallery In ye meeting House had Complyed with ye vote of Town Relative to Signing & Paying for their Pewes &c I Certifie that Joseph mcCrakin Jonathan Gates noah Jones William Young William mchan Timothy Paine assignee to Josiah Flagg David Thomas John Curtis Jur & Joseph Wiley have Complyed with ye votes of the Town In Signing Paying & Drawing their Pews Number from 1 : to 10 to begin at ye South End of ye meeting House Joseph mcCrakin Chose No 3 Jonathan Gates No 8 Noah Jones No 4 William Young No 7 William mchan No 5 Timothy Paine assignee to Josiah Flagg No 6 David Thomas No 9 John Curtis Jur No 2 and Joseph Wiley No 10 and Phinehas Ward haveing failed Complying with ye vote of ye Town Relative to one of Said Pews the Selectmen Gave ye offer to Jonathan Knight who was ye Next Highest Payer & he having Complyed with ye order of ye Selectmen the Pew No 1 fell to him

att John Chandler Town Cler

The Subscribers meet this Day at an oak tree at ye North End of ye Long Pond and Renewed ye same and Preambulated the Line and Renewed ye Bounds between the Towns of Worcester and Shrewsbury april 22d 1765

John Chandler } on ye part of Worcester
John Curtis }

Isaac Temple
Silas Witherbee } Selectmen of Worcester
Ezekiel Knowlton

Gent We hereby appoint mess Daniel Boyden and Samll Curtis with mr John Boyden to Preambulate ye Line between ye Town

of Worcester & Sutton and to Renew ye Bounds We are Gent your Humble Sv^ts^ John Boyden, Sam^ll^ miller, Josiah Pierce — John Chandler, Ephraim Doolittle, Palmer Goulding } Selectmen of Worcester

Worcester april — 1765

To ye Selectmen of Sutton

We ye Subscribers met at time and Place within named & have Renewed ye Bounds between Worcester & Sutton

april 22 1765

Henry King, Ebenezer Peirce, Elisha Goddard } Selectmen of Sutton — Daniel Boyden, Sam^ll^ Curtis, John Boyden } By appoint for Worcester

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Gent we hereby appoint mess William Young with m^r^ Sam^ll^ miller and Josiah Peirce To Preambulate ye Line between ye Towns of Worcester and Holdin and to Renew ye bounds we are Gent your Humble Serv^ts^

Sam^ll^ miller, Josiah Peirce — John Chandler, Ephraim Doolittle, Palmer Goulding, John Boyden } Selectmen of Worcester

april 22^d^ 1765 Pursuant to a notification to us Directed by the Selectmen of Worcester Dated march 30 1765 we at time and place therein mentioned met ye Selectmen & [Constiuant?] of Worcester and have with them Preambulated ye Line and Renewed the Bounds between ye Towns of Worcester and Holdin

Joseph Hubbard, John Child, Isaac Smith } Selectmen of Holdin

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Gen^t^ we hereby appoint mess Daniel Boyden and Sam^ll^ Curtis with m^r^ John Boyden to Renew ye Corner between Worcester & oxford we are Gen^t^ your Humble Ser^ts^ Worcester april 5 : 1765

John Boyden, Sam^ll^ miller, Josiah Peirce — John Chandler, Ephraim Doolittle, Palmer Goulding — Selectmen of Worcester

To ye Selectmen of oxford

We ye Subscribers met at time and Place within named & Renewed ye Corner & other bounds between ye Towns of Worcester & oxford

april 22 : 1765

Jeremiah Learned, Elisha Davis, Sam^ll^ Harris } Selectmen of oxford

℔ appointment for Worcester

John Boyden, Daniel Boyden, Saml Curtis

Enterd from ye original & Compared therewith

℔ John Chandler Town Cler

Received of John Chandler Town Treasurer of Worcester Eighty Pound Lawfull mony In Part of my Present Years Sallery Ending in June next may 20 : 1765

£80 0 0 Thaddeus Maccarty

Rec^d^ of John Chandler Town Treasurer of Worcester twenty Pounds Lawful mony being with ye above Receipt In full for my Present Years Sallery Ending in June next

may 20 : 1765 Thaddeus Maccarty

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at a Town meeting Held at Worcester on the third monday In may 1765 one oClock afternoon by adjournment from ye 18th of march Last

on the third article In ye Warrant ye Comittee Chosen to take Into Consideration what method will best Serve the Town Relative to the School made Report as their opinion that there be this year Raised by a Tax the Sum of £60 Lawful mony that the Same be Expended in Schooling In the following manner vizt that the Center have their Schooling In the same Proportion as the Last year haveing Regard to ye Sum Raised that ye other Parts of ye Town that have formerly had Schooling have the Remaining Part of ye mony Divided among them In Equal Proportion that there be a Stedy Gramer School and that English masters be Provided to Expend ye Remaining Sum In Such Season of ye year as shall be

most advantageous to ye Several Parts of the Town In which ye English Schools Shall be Kept Read and accepted and thereupon voted that Capt Ephraim Doolittle mess Comfort Rice and asa moore be a Comittee to Provide School masters and order as to ye Several Parts of ye Town where ye Gramer or English School Shall be Kept voted that ye Sum of £60 be Granted for ye Support of ye School ye Currant year

on ye thirteenth article ye Comittee Chosen to take Care of ye Towns Land Reported that they had Renewed ye bounds of ye Land at Wigwam Hill and millstone Hill a Plan of millstone Hill they Returned at this meeting Whereupon the Town voted that ye same be Recorded

on ye fourteenth article[1] voted that it Lye for ye further Consideration of ye Town

on ye 18th article ye Question was put whither ye Town would take upon them to free Capt Thomas Stearnes from ye Charge of ye Last Sickness & funerall Charges of Richard Stowers and it Passed In ye Negative

voted that this meeting be further adjourned to ye first monday In october next at one oClock afternoon to be held In this Place

ye aforegoing votes Passed at Said meeting
att John Chandler moderator

Entered from ye original & Compared therewith
℔ John Chandler Town Cler

This is a Plott of millstone Hill so called Lying In Worcester Containing 100 acres & 100 Rods without allowance for Swag of Chain Together with a Plot of 17 acres & one Quarter of an acre belonging to John Chandler Esq Surveyed april 30 : 1765 ℔ William Young Surveyer

Joshua Biglo, Ephraim Doolittle, John Curtis } Chainmen

was Protracted by a Scale of 30 Perch

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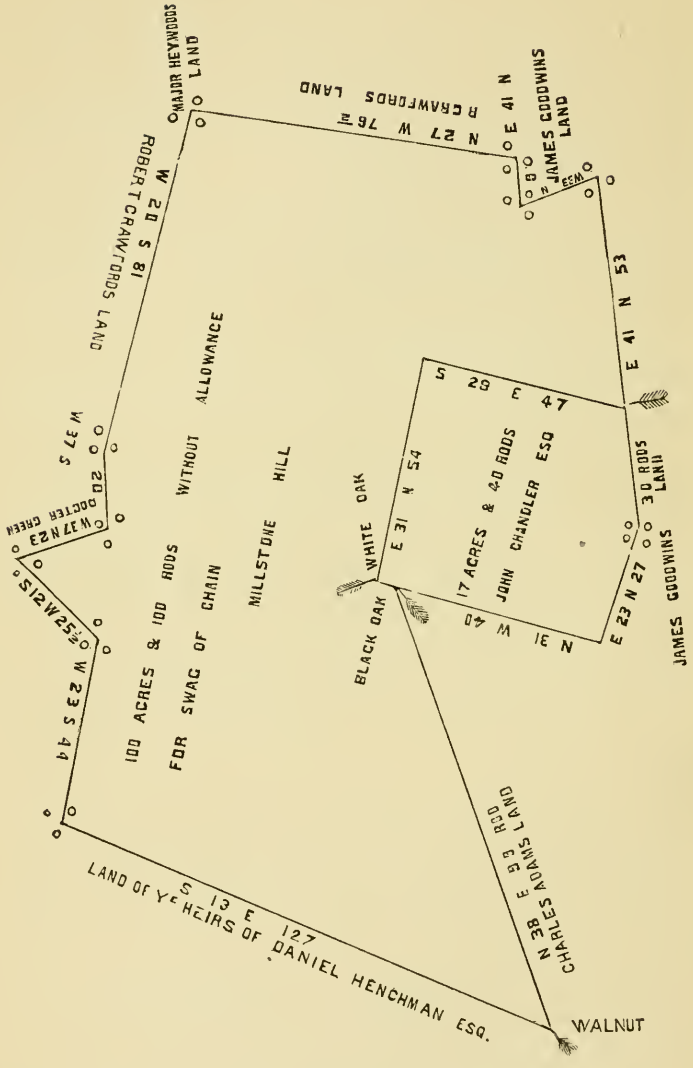
[1]Printed on page 119.


MAJOR HEYWOODS LAND
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N 41 E
JAMES GOODWINS LAND
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S 29 E 47
17 ACRES & 40 RODS
JOHN CHANDLER ESQ
30 RODS LAND
JAMES GOODWINS LAND
N 31 W 40
E 23 N 27
E 31 N 54
WHITE OAK
BLACK OAK
ROBERT CRAWFORDS LAND
W 20 S 18
W 37 S
DOCTER GREEN
N 37 N 23
S 12 W 25 ½
W 23 S 44
100 ACRES & 100 RODS
FOR SWAG OF CHAIN
WITHOUT ALLOWANCE
MILLSTONE HILL
S 13 E 127
LAND OF YE HEIRS OF DANIEL HENCHMAN ESQ.
N 38 E 86 RDS
CHARLES ADAMS LAND
WALNUT

To the Town of Worcester Gent the within is a Correct Plan of the Town Land Lying on millstone Hill which we have Taken by ye assistance of mr William Young Surveyor according to ye Best of our Skill & we have also Renewed ye Bounds of ye School Lott Lying on Wigwam Hill all but ye North End

Worcester may 20 : 1765 Joshua Biglo
℔ your Servts John Curtis
Ephraim Doolittle

our Service 2 Days }
Each { 6 Days £0 : 18/0
mr Wm Young 0 : 10/8

Entred from ye original & Compared therewith
℔ John Chandler Town Cler

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at a Town meeting Held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday ye 20th Day of may A D 1765 two oClock afternoon after Legal Warning

John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator
att John Chandler Town Cler

voted that ye following sums be Granted for the following Purposes vizt

To Benja Flagg for Jon Boydens Pole Tax		17	8½
To Luke Brown for Simon oaks Pole Tax		17	8½
To Do for Samll Rice Jur Pole Tax		17	8½
To Joshua Biglo 6/ John Curtis 6/ Ephraim Doolittle 6/ & Wm Young 10/8 for their time Renewing ye bounds of the Publick Lands and Returning a Plan of millstone Hill	1	8	8
To ye Selectmen to Enable them to Support ye Poore to be accountable	30	0	0
To ye Selectmen to Defray ye Contingent Charges of ye Town they to be accountable	10	0	0
To ye Selectmen to Enable them to Purchase a Carriage for funerals	6	0	0
To ye Revd mr maccarty for one years Sallery Comincing In June next	100	0	0
	£150	1	9½

on ye fourth article ye Comittee appointed in march Last to Examine ye Town Treasurers accounts made Report Read and accepted & whereas it appears by said account that ye Treasurer is in advance for ye Town ye sum of £182 : 6 : 1
and that there is still outstanding

In Constable Whitneys hands	1 : 11 : 0
In Constable Gouldings hands	22 : 1 : 9¼
In Constable Flaggs hands	78 : 0 : 4
In Constable Browns hands	81 : 1 : 5½
	£183 : 1 : 10¾

Therefore voted that ye Treasurer Pay himself out of the outstanding mony when he Receives ye Same

on the Sixth article voted that ye Honble Timothy Paine and Gardiner Chandler Esq Palmer Goulding Jacob Chamberlin and Jonathan Stone be a Comittee to Settle accounts with ye Comittee for Building ye meeting House and Report as soon as may bee

The aforegoing votes Passed at Said meeting
att John Chandler moderator

Enterd from ye original & Compared therewith
℔ John Chandler Town Cler

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at a Town Meeting Held at the Meeting House in Worcester on Monday the twenty first Day of October A D 1765 at two oClock afternoon after Legal Warning

John Chandler Esq Chose moderator
att John Chandler Town Clerk

Voted that the following Sums be Granted for the following Purposes viz

To Samuel Eaton for part of George tracys Tax for the year 1763	8 0¾
To Mathew Gray a Pole Tax for 1764	17 8½
To Simon Gates for 80 feet Planks @ 7/	5 7
To John Chandler Esq To Enable him to pay ye County Tax	16 17 3

to Joseph Perry for 150 feet of Plank	10	6	
To Solomon Johnson for 27 Feet Plank	1	10	
To Henry Ward for Ezekiel Gooddales Pole Tax for 1763	11	7¾	
	19	12	7

On ye third article the Town taking into Consideration ye Petition of Daniel Hemmingway Praying for a further allowance for his Building ye Meting house and after some debate thereon the Question was put whether the Town wold make him any further allowance and It Passed In ye Negative

on ye fifth Article voted that it be an Instruction to Capt Ephraim Doolittle our Representative that he Joyns In no Measures Countenancing ye Stamp Act

on the Sixth article voted that James Putnam Esq Josiah Brewer Esq and mr Jacob Chamberlin be a Comittee In ye name of ye Town to appear at ye Court of Gen^ll^ Sessions of ye Peace to be Holden at Worcester for the County of Worcester on the first Tuesday of november next to Defend at Said Court against ye Petition of ye Town of Chelsea Relative to the Support & funeral Charges of Richard Stowers & so from Court to Court until the same be Ended

voted that the Sum of twenty Pound be Granted for to pay such sums as shall be awarded against ye Town in favour of ye Town of Chelsea & ye Charges that have or may attend ye Prosecution

Voted that ye Foregoing Sum being £39 : 12/7 and the sum of Sixty Pounds Granted for ye Support of Schooling on the third monday In may Last by adjournment from ye 18th of march Last and ye Sum of £150 : 1 : 9½ Granted on ye twentyeth Day of may Last making In ye whole sum of £249 : 14 : 4½ be Levied and assessed upon the poles and Estates in said Town In one Tax ye Currant year one half of said sum to be paid Into the Town Tresury on or before ye 25th Day of December next and ye other half on or before ye First Day of march Next

The aforegoing votes Passed at said meeting

att John Chandler moderator

Entered from ye original & Compared therewith

℔ John Chandler Town Cler

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Reced of the Select men of Worcester Eleven Pound four Shillings In full for ye Interest mony arising by ye sale of ye ministerial Land Lying west of Judge Jenisons Heirs To ye first Day of november a D 1765 Thaddeus maccarty

Worcester march 10 : 1766

£11 : 4 : 0

Rec^d^ of ye Selectmen of Worcester ten pound Sixteen Shillings & Seven pence In full for ye Interest mony arising by ye sale of ye ministerial Land Lying by Zebediah Rices to ye 28th of march a D 1765 Thaddeus Maccarty

Worcester march 10 : 1766

£10 : 16 : 7

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at a Town meeting held at ye meeting House in Worcester on monday the tenth Day of march a D 1766 after Legal warning for ye Choice of Town officers &c and to Transact other matters agreeable to the Several articles Contained In the Warrant

at said meeting John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator

att John Chandler Town Cler

John Chandler Esq Ephraim Doolittle Timothy Paine Esq Benj^a^ Flagg Samuel Curtis Chosen Select men and assessors

John Chandler Esq Town Cler

John Chandler Esq Town Tresurer

Daniel Boyden Samuel Brooks Wardens

asa moore Cornelius Stowell Constables

Joshua Biglo Collector of Taxes

Palmer Goulding Sealer of Tanned & Curryed Leather

Ephraim Doolittle Cler of ye market

Ephraim Doolittle Surveyor of boards Shingle Hoops Staves

Israel Jenison Surveyor of Wheet & flower

Thomas Wheeler nahum Willard John Boyden nath^ll^ moore John Curtis Samuel mower William m^c^farland Jonathan Stone Josiah Peirce Daniel Hubbard Surveyors of Highways and Collectors of ye Highway Taxes

John Gates Josiah Flagg Fence Viewers

Isaac Gleeson Isaac moore Deer Reves

John Curtis Jur Timothy Biglo Tything men

Joshua Johnson Jonas Newton Richard Pratt Ebenezer Willington Darius Boyden William Johnson Hog Reves

Joshua Whitney Jonathan Knight field Drivers

at said meeting a Register of Deeds and Conveyancer was voted for and Sealed up In the meeting by Sam[ll] Eaton Constable also voted for a County Tresurer

voted that y[e] sum of Eight Pound be & hereby is Granted unto Joshua Biglo for Collecting y[e] Taxes y[e] Currant year voted that he give Security to y[e] Town Treasurer to pay Into the Town Treasury the mony that shall be Granted the Currant year and Comitted to him to Collect agreable to y[e] Direction In the Warrants for Collecting y[e] Same

on the fourth article voted that the School be Kept in the same way and manner as was voted the Last year and that Capt Ephraim Doolittle mess asa moore and Comfort Rice be a Comittee to Provide Schoolmasters also voted that y[e] sum of Sixty Eight pound Eight Shillings be granted Levyed and assessed for y[e] Support of y[e] Schools y[e] Currant year

on y[e] fifth article voted that Joshua Biglo Ephraim Doolittle and John Curtis be a Comittee to settle accounts with the Town Treasurer

on y[e] Sixth article voted that y[e] sum of one Hundred and fifty Pounds be Granted assessed and Levyed on y[e] Polls & Estates in said Town in y[e] same way and manner as voted at y[e] General annual meeting Held y[e] fourth of march 1750/1 to be Expended In Building Bridges and Causways mending and Repairing Decayed ones Putting and Keeping the Roads In Good Repair the Present year and that y[e] same be worked out by y[e] first Day of October next and y[e] same wages be allowed and Rules followed In all Regards as voted at said meeting and that the Selectmen Direct in Giving orders to y[e] Surveyors to allow all Persons to work so as to accomodate them they having a Gen[ll] Regard to the Publick Good

and those who have worked out more than their Rates for ye Last year may be allowed for ye same out of ye Present years Tax they Producing Proper Certificates

on the Seventh article voted that ye Selectmen be Discharged from ye Interest mony arising by ye sale of the ministerial Land Lying west of ye Heirs of Judge Jenison Dec^d^ to ye first of november 1765 and also from ye Interest mony arising by ye sale of ye Land Lying by Zebediah Rices to ye 28th of march Last they haveing paid the same to the Rev^d^ mr macarty and that ye Interest mony outstanding to said time be and belong to John Chandler Esq who advanced the same

on ye Eighth article voted that ye sum of three pound ten shillings be and hereby is Granted unto Simon Gates and Jacob Hemingway In full Satisfaction for the mony they Expended In order that ye Road Laid out from Josiah Brewer Jur to William Young Should be Discontinued

on the ninth article voted that so much of ye mony In the hands of John Chandler Esqr as Shall be Necessary for Compleating ye Pay for Scholing ye Currant year and also so much as is Necessary for Paying for a Standard of Weights & measurs be appropriated for that Purpose and that he further account for ye Remaining sum In his hands at the next meeting

on ye tenth article ye Question was Put whither ye Swine should go at Large ye Currant year they being Yoaked & Ringed according to Law and it Passed In the affirmative

on the twelfth article the Question was Put whither ye Town would accept of ye following Roads Laid out by ye Selectmen vizt a Road Laid out to accomodate David Biglo also a Town way Laid out from Holdin Line by ye House of Lemuel Rice & a Bridle way Laid out through Jonathan Bartlett Land to accomodate amos Wheeler also a Bridle way Laid out from said Wheelers Extending Southerly thro his Land and Land of John Lincoln to a Town Road and Passed In ye affirmative and voted that ye several Returns of said Roads as Reported by ye Selectmen be Recorded

voted also that the further Consideration of ye Road Laid through Francis Harringtons Land be Referred to the adjournment of this meeting

on ye Eleventh article voted that ye sum of thirty Six Shillings be & hereby is Granted unto William Elder In full Satisfaction for ye Land Taken from him for a Town way Laid in his Land

on ye thirteenth article voted that ye wood and Timber Standing on ye Towns Land on millstone Hill be Reserved for ye use of the and that no Person Cut thereon without Leave first had and obtained from ye Selectmen for ye time being

on ye fourteenth article Relative to ye Discontinueing of one Rod of ye Road north of m^r^ Holbrooks House be Referred to the adjournment of the meeting

voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the nineteenth Day of may next at one oClock afternoon to be held at this place

The aforegoing votes Passed at said meeting
att John Chandler moderator

Worcester ss march 10 : 1766 I Certifye that all ye within named Persons Elected to offices In ye Town of Worcester the Ensueing year Except (my self & Jonas Newton a Hog Reave Personally appeared & made oath to ye faithfull Discharge of their Respective offices according to Law and at ye same time took ye oath Relative to ye Bills of Credit of the Neighbouring Governments Before me Tim^o^ Paine Just Pacis

Entred from ye original & Compared therewith
℔ John Chandler Town Cler

Memorandum of a Town Road Laid out to accomodate mr David Biglo to his farm where now Dwells vizt Begining at a Stake and heap of Stones about four Rods Southerly of his ye said Davids Barn thence Extending westerly to a Large Rock with small Stones Heaped on the same and thence to a heap of Stones where said

Road meets with or comes to a Road Laid out to accomodate mr Ezekiel How & others said Road Lying on ye northerly side of said Bounds & to be two Rods wide

Worcester Feb 10 : 1766

John Chandler
Sam^ll^ miller
Sam^ll^ mower
John Boyden
Palmer Goulding
Josiah Peirce

Selectmen of Worcester

Entred from ye original & Compared therewith

℔ John Chandler T Cler

memorandum of a Town Road Laid out begining at Holdin Line and Extending Southerly by markt trees till it comes to ye Lane Leading to Lemuel Rices and as the fences now stands between ye Land of said Rice & David moore & from thence to Extend by markt trees Easterly till it comes to ye Road that was Laid out to accomodate John mower ye markts standing on ye Northerly side ye Road & ye fence on ye South side to be ye mark

Worcester Feb 20 : 1766

John Chandler
Sam^ll^ miller
Sam^ll^ mower
John Boyden
Palmer Goulding
Josiah Peirce

Selectmen of Worcester

Entered from ye original & Compared therewith

℔ John Chandler Town Cler

memorandum of a Bridle way Laid out thro the Land of Jonathan Bartlett to accomodate amos Wheeler begining on said Bartletts West Line & Extending Easterly by markt trees and as the Road is now trod till it comes to ye Town Road that Leads to David Thomas ye marks standing on ye Southerly side said Road and to be two Rods wide also a Bridle way begining at the Southwest Corner of Thomas Wheelers Land and Running Southerly

tho' amos Wheelers Land and the Land of John Lincoln to the Town way and to bound Westerly on Land of Jabez Green & to be two Rods wide

Worcester Feb 20 : 1766

John Chandler
Sam[ll] miller
Sam[ll] mower
John Boyden
Palmer Goulding
Josiah Peirce
} Selectmen of Worcester

Entered from y[e] original & Compared therewith
℔ John Chandler Town Cler

Rec[d] of John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer of Worcester Sixteen pound twelve Shillings & three pence half penny Lawful mony In part of my Present years Sallery may 19 : 1766
16 : 12 : 3½ Thaddeus Maccarty

Rec[d] of John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer of Worcester thirty one pound one Shilling & fore pence half penny Lawful mony In part of my Sallery Ending June Last July 3 1766
31 : 1 : 4½ Thaddeus Maccarty

Received of John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer of Worcester fifty two pound Six Shillings & five pence Lawful mony In full for my Last years Sallery Ending in June Last
Worcester Octo 18 : 1766 Thaddeus maccarty
52 : 6/4

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at a Town meeting Held at Worcester on monday the 19th Day of may a D 1766 at one oClock afternoon by adjournment from y[e] 10th Day of march Last

on y[e] twelfth article y[e] Question was Put whither y[e] Town would accept of y[e] Road Laid out by y[e] Selectmen thro' y[e] Land of Francis Harrington to Joshua Biglo Land and it Passed in y[e] affirmative and ordered that y[e] Return of y[e] Selectmen be Recorded

on ye forteenth article voted that one Rod on ye South Side ye Road North of Eleazer Holbrooks House be Discontinued that John Gates fence be ye North Bounds of said Road vizt from ye Lane west of said Holbrooks House till it comes to ye Road Leading to Benj^a^ Flaggs Provided said Holbrook open ye Road two Rods wide South of said Gates fence aforesaid

ye aforegoing votes Passed at said meeting
att John Chandler moderator

Entered from ye original & Compared therewith
℔ John Chandler Town Cler

memorandum of a Town Road Laid out through ye Land of Francis Harrington to Joshua Biglo Land begining at ye west Line of ye Land of said Harrington which he Purchased of ye Heirs of Jonathan moore Dec^d^ at a heap of Stones and from thence Extending Easterly by marked trees to ye Land of said Biglo the Road to Lye on ye South Side Said marks and to be two Rods wide

Worcester Feb 20 : 1766

John Chandler
Sam^ll^ miller
Sam^ll^ mower
John Boyden
Palmer Goulding
Josiah Peirce
} Selectmen of Worcester

Entred from ye original & Compared therewith
℔ John Chandler Town Cler

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at a Town meeting held at ye meeting House In Worcester on monday ye 19th Day of may a D 1766 one oClock afternoon after Legal warning

at said meeting John Chandler Esq was Chose moderator
att Jo Chandler T Cler

voted that ye Sum of 35/ 9¾ be granted to Constable Whitney for Joseph mower Rates		£1 15 9¾
Tó Constable brown for Samll Rice Pole Tax £	17 8½	
To Do his act	1 10	1 18 8½

To Constable Eaton for warning Sundry Persons out of Town and Carrying out Dorcas Wheelock	1	0	0
To Joseph Perry his acconnt		6	
To James Trowbridge his acct		6	
To ye Revd mr Thad: macarty for one years Sallery Comincing In June next	100		
	105	6	6¼

on ye forth article voted that ye Consideration of ye Town Treasurers acct be Referred

ye aforegoing votes Passed at said meeting
att John Chandler moderator

Entred from ye original & Compared therewith
℔ John Chandler Town Cler.

[Warrant.]

Worcester ss: To mr asa moore one of the Constables of the Town of Worcester In the County of Worcester Greeting

(Seal) You are Hereby Required In his majestys name forthwith to warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Living on ye northerly side ye Country Road that have a freehold In Land within this Province or territory of forty shillings per annum at ye Least or other Estate to ye value of forty Pounds Sterling to assemble at ye Publick meeting House In said Town on monday ye nineteenth Day of may Currant at one oClock afternoon then and there to Elect and Depute one or more Persons (being freeholders and Resident in said Town) according to ye number set and Limitted by act of ye Genll assembly to serve for and Represent them In a Great and Genll Court or assembly appointed to be Convened held and Kept for his majestys Service at ye Court House in Boston upon Wednesday ye twenty eighth Day of may Currant and so Die In diem During the Service & Sessions and to give him or them Instructions agreeable to ye Request of Capt Thomas Stearnes & 16 others hereof fail not and make Return hereof and

of your Doings hereon to some of ye Selectmen ye Day before ye meeting Dated at Worcester aforesaid the fifth Day of may anno Dom 1766 In ye Sixth year of his majestys Reign

John Chandler, Ephraim Doolittle, Benj^a^ Flagg } Selectmen of Worcester

Worcester may 17 : 1766 I have warned all ye freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified as within Directed to meet at time & place for ye within Purpose ℔ asa moore Constable

another warrant of ye same [ ] & Date Directed to Cornelius Stowell & Return thereon made as on file

The Town being meet agreeable to ye above Warrant Chose Capt Ephraim Doolittle as their Representative for ye Ensueing year

voted that Jonathan Stone Benj^a^ Flagg & nathan Baldwin Prepare Proper Instructions for our Representative who Reported ye following Instructions vizt

at a Town meeting held at ye meeting House In Worcester on monday the 19th Day of may a D 1766 for ye Choice of a Representative The Town voted the following Instructions for their Representative vizt

That you use ye whole of your Influence and Endeavour that no Person Holding any fee or millitary office whatsoever Especially Judges of ye Superiour Court Judges of ye Probate Register of Probate Secretary Cler of Either of ye Courts Sheriffs or Province Treasurer be Chosen into his majestys Council of this Province and that you attend at ye Election of Councellors and give your vote accordingly

That you Endeavour as afore said that for ye future ye Gen^ll^ Court of this Province be held in an open manner that such as are so minded and behave agreeable to Good order may see & hear how affairs are Conducted in said Court and that this matter be determined by a vote of yeas & Nays and if ye Desired End be obtained that a Proper Convenient House both for ye Court & Spectators be forthwith Prepared

That you Endeavour as aforesaid that the Present fee Table of this Province be made null and void and that a new fee Table be made and Established in stead thereof which shall be more Equel & Impartial not Giveing to any officer in ye Government (Except ye Governour) more nor Less than you would be willing to Do ye same Service for yourself and that you observe this Rule in Granting pay for Contingent & occasional Services

That you Endeavour that there be no monopolizing of Publick offices in this Government and that one man be not Invested with more than one office at one time Except it be Compatible with ye true Interest of ye People In General

That you Endeavour as aforesaid that there be a Law made that wherever any Representative shall Receive any office or Comission from ye Governour he shall be Dismissed ye House & not be allowed to act as a member thereof without he should be Chosen a New by his Constituents and that the said Constituents be forthwith served with a New Precept to Call a meeting for ye Choice of some meet & Suitable Person to Represent them in ye Great & General Court

That you Endeavour the Excise act be Repealed and that there be no Excise Laid upon any Comoditys of trade but that all Lawful Trade be Encouraged and free of Duty or Excise and that all ye Publick Charge be paid Directly by a Rate, Except such mony as Shall be Raised by fines for ye Breach of ye Good Wholsome Laws of this Province &c

That ye Law for Keeping of Lattin Gramer Schools be Repealed and that we be not obliged to Keep more than one Gramer School In a County and that to be at ye County Charge and that Each Town be obliged by Law to Keep Good Sufficient Schools for ye Education of their youth in ye art of Reading Writing & aretchmatick and that ye School masters for ye said Purpose shall be such as shall be approved of [by] the Selectmen of Each Respective Town

That you use your utmost Endeavour that a Law be made to Prevent Bribery and Corruption in ye several Towns within this Province in ye Choice of Representatives

That you Give Deligent attendance at Every Session of ye General Court of this Province this Present year and adhear to these our Instructions (and ye Spirit of them) as you Regard our Friendship & would avoid our Just Resentment

Entred from ye original ℔ John Chandler Town Cler

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at a meeting Held at the meeting House in Worcester by the freeholders of said Town on monday the thirtyeth Day of June a D 1766 five oClock afternoon

at S^d^ meeting John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator

att John Chandler Town Cler

on the second article the freeholders voted for a Register of Deeds and Conveyances

on ye third article voted that ye sum of six pound be paid on ye Town Treasury to Capt Samuel Hunt he to be accountable to be Disposed of In Transporting and Surporting asael Knights wife to Stafford & there while using ye waters & home again that he Keep an account of ye Charge & Lay his account before the Town at their next meeting for their acceptance

The aforegoing votes Passed at said meeting

att John Chandler moderator

Entered from ye original & Compared therewith

℔ John Chandler Town Cler

Worcester ss at a Town meeting Regularly assembled at Worcester at the meeting House in said Town on monday the twenty-eth Day of october a D 1766

voted that John Chandler Esq be moderator of said meeting

att John Chandler Town Cler

voted that the following sums be Granted for the following Purposes vizt

To Samll miller for 368 feet Plank	1	5	10
To John Chandler Town Treasurer to Enable him to pay ye County Tax	14	0	11
To William mchan for his Damages In altering ye County Road agreeable to the order of Sessions	5		
To Jonas Bancraft for 600 feet of Plank @ 7/	2	2	0
To Simon Gates for 5 Sticks Timber for a Bridge		5	
To the Selectmen to Enable them to Support the Poore they to be accountable	40		
To Ebe Flagg for 24 Load of wood @ 4d for J Whitney		8	
	63	1	9

on the third article the Comittee appointed In march Last to Examine ye Town Treasurers accounts made Report Read & Excepted and whereas it appears by said account that the Treasurer is in advance for the Town the sum of 98 14 0¾ and that there is still outstanding

In Constable browns hands	5	0	6
In Constable Eatons hands	58	14	6½
In Constable Wheelers hands	29	10	7½
	£93	5	8

Therefore voted that the Treasurer Pay himself out of ye outstanding mony so far as it will pay ye same when he Receives it

Voted also that ye sum of five pound Eight Shillings and fore pence three farthings be and hereby is Granted to him to pay the Ballance Due to him

on the fourth article ye Comittee appointed to settle accounts with the Comittee for Building ye meeting House made Report

Read and Excepted and whereas it appears said Comittee are in advance for the Town the sum of £56 : 16/ 7½ and that there is still out standing In Constable Browns hands and from Sundry Persons for part of the Effects of the old meeting House the sum of £21 : 7/ Therefore voted said sum be applyed towards Paying Sd Ballance——Voted also that the sum of thirty five pound nine Shillings & five pence half penny be and hereby is Granted unto said Comittee to pay them the Ballance Due to them

on ye fifth article voted that ye sum of forty Pounds be and hereby is Granted Together with the old Bell to Purchase a new Bell for the meeting House and that John Chandler and Timothy Paine Esq^rs^ and Capt John Curtis be a Comittee to Purchase S^d^ Bell

on the Sixth article Such of ye Inhabitants as were Present Gave in Lists of their Polls & Estates

on ye seventh article voted that ye sum of Eighty one Pound Six Shillings Granted In march Last and the sum of one Hundred and five pound Six Shillings and Six pence farthing Granted In may Last and the sum of Six pound Granted In June Last and the sum of one Hundred forty three pound nineteen Shillings & seven pence farthing Granted at this meeting making In the whole ye sum of £336 : 12 : 1½ be Levyed and assessed upon the Polls & Estates In said Town In one Tax ye Currant year one half of said sum to be paid Into the Town Treasury on or before the 15th Day of January next and the other half on or before ye first Day of march next

on the Eighth article the Question was Put whither the Town would Give any Instructions to their Representative Respecting making Restitution to ye Leiut Governour and others for their sufferings In august 1765 and it Passed In the Negative

on the nine article voted as an Incouragement to any of ye Inhabitants of said Town that shall Kill a Grown Wild Cat or Cats within or near said Town the sum of ten Shillings for Each Cat [ ] they Producing ye Skin of such Wild Cat so Killed to ye Selectmen for the time being ye Ears of which to be by them Cut of & Consumed to ashes

The aforegoing votes Passed at S^d^ meeting
att John Chandler moderator

Entered from ye original & Compared therewith
℔ John Chandler Town Cler

Rec^{d} of the Select men of Worcester by ye hand of John Chandler Eight pound two Shillings on account of Interest mony Due to me Decr 24 1766 Thaddeus Maccarty

Rec^{d} of the Selectmen of Worcester by the Hand of John Chandler Esq Seven pound Six Shillings on account of Interest mony due to me may 7th 1767 Thaddeus Maccarty

£7 : 6 : 0

Rec^{d} of ye Selectmen of Worcester by ye hand of John Chandler Esq four pound Six Shillings on account of Interest mony Due to me July 7 : 1767 Thaddeus Maccarty

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at a Town meeting Held at ye meeting House In Worcester on Tuesday ye 10th Day of march a D 1767 after Legal Warning for ye Choice of Town officers &c & to transact other matters agreeable to ye Several articles Contained In ye Warrant

at said meeting John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator

att John Chandler Town Cler

John Chandler Esq Tim^{o} Paine Esq Joshua Biglo Jona Stone Benj^{a} Flagg Chosen Selectmen and assessors

John Chandler Esq Town Cler

John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer

Josiah Peirce Thos Beard Sam^{ll} Bridge Wardens

John Boyden William m^{c}farland Constables

Daniel Hubbard Collector of Taxes

Palmer Goulding Sealer of Tanned & Curryed Leather

Palmer Goulding Cler of ye market

Israel Jenison Surveyor of boards Shingles Hoops & Staves

Thos Wheeler David moore John Curtis Sam^{ll} mower David Bancraft Sam^{ll} Hunt Jonas Hubbard Tyrus Rice James Hunt Elisha Smith Surveyers of Highways & Collectors of Highway Taxes

John Gates Josiah Flagg Fence Viewers

Benj^{a} Stowell David Biglo Tything men

James m^{c}farland Sam^{ll} Whitney Deer Reeves

Henry Ward Joseph Blair Joseph Crosby absolam Smith William Taylor Josiah Ball Hog Reeves

Joshua Whitney Jonathan Knight feild Drivers

at said meeting a County Treasurer was voted for

on ye third article voted that ye sum of Seven pound be & hereby is Granted unto Daniel Hubbard for Collecting ye Taxes the Currant year voted that he Give Security to ye Town Treasurer to pay Into ye Town Treasury ye mony that shall be Granted ye Currant year and Comitted to him to Collect agreeable to ye Direction In ye Warrant for Collecting ye same

on ye fourth article voted that ye School be Kept In ye same way and manner as was voted ye Last year and that Nathan Perry Daniel Boyden and Jacob Chamberlin be a Comittee to Provide School masters——also voted that ye sum of Seventy Six pound Sixteen Shillings be Granted Levyed and assessed on ye Polls and Estates In said Town agreeable to Law for ye Support of ye School ye Currant year

on ye fifth article voted that Timothy Paine and James Putnam Esq and Capt John Curtis be a Comittee to settle accounts with ye Town Treasurer

on ye sixth article voted that ye sum of one Hudred and fifty Pounds be Granted assessed and Levyed on ye Polls & Estates In said Town In ye same way and manner as voted at ye General annual meeting Held the fourth of march 1750/1 to be Expended In Building Bridges and Cansways mending & Repairing Decayed ones Putting and Keeping the Roads In Good Repair ye Present year and that ye same be worked out by ye first Day of October next and the same wages be allowed and Rules followed In all Regards as voted In said meeting and that ye Selectmen Direct In Giveing orders to ye Surveyors to allow all Persons to Work so as to accomodate them they haveing a General Regard to the Publick Good and those who have worked out more than their Rate for ye Last year may be allowed for ye same out of the Present years Tax they Producing Proper Certificates

voted that ye Seventh article[1] be Referred to ye adjournment of this meeting

on ye Eighth article voted that for ye future the meeting for ye Choice of a Representative be warned as the other Town meetings are vizt by Posting up a True Copy of ye original Warrant at ye Sign Post near ye meeting House and attested by ye Constable

on ye ninth article ye Question was Put whither ye Swine should Go at Large ye Currant year they being Yoaked & Ringed according to Law and it Passed In ye affirmative

on ye tenth article ye Question was Put whither ye Town would Prosecute Thos Stearnes for ye mony ye Town has paid ye Town of Chelsea for ye Last sickness & funerall Charges of Richard Stowers and it Past In ye Negative

on ye Eleventh article ye Question was Put Whither ye Town would Divide ye Quarter of ye Town called Gouldings Quarter and allow to Each Part fourteen Weeks Schooling and it Passed In ye affirmative

ye 12th & 13th articles voted to be Referred to ye adjournment of ye meeting and the Partys to said Road agree that mathew Gray Israel Jenison and John Boyden be a Comittee to ascertain ye Damages S^d^ Harrington[2] sustains by Reason of said Road Running thro said Harringtons Land and to make Report at ye adjournment of ye meeting

voted that this meeting be adjourned to ye Seventh Day of may next one oClock afternoon to be held at this Place

ye aforegoing votes Passed at said meeting
att^s^ John Chandler moderator

I Certifie that all ye officers Chose at this meeting accept John Chandler & Timothy Paine as assessors and Benj^a^ Stowell were Sworn In ye meeting ℈ John Chandler & Tim^o^ Paine
att^s^ John Chandler moderator

Entred from ye original ℈ John Chandler Town Cler

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[1]Relating to interest money. [2]See next page.

'at a Town meeting Held at Worcester on thursday ye Seventh Day of may a D 1767 at one of ye Clock afternoon by adjournment from the tenth Day of march Last

on ye Seventh article ye Selectmen made Report that they had Received £15 : 8/ of ye Interest of ye mony arising by ye sale of the ministerial Land Lying west of ye Land of the Heirs of William Jenison dec^d^ and ye Land Lying by Zebediah Rices and paid ye same to ye Rev^d^ m^r^ macarty voted that they be Discharged of said sum and that they further account for ye Remainder of said Interest when they Receive ye same

on ye twelfth & thirteenth articles ye Comittee Chose by Francis Harrington and Joshua Biglo Relative to said Biglo Road made Report that said Harrington Received Eight pound Damage by said Road & said Biglo paid said Damage to said Harrington In ye meeting

ye aforegoing votes Passed at S^d^ meeting
att John Chandler moderator

Entered from ye original ℔ John Chandler Town Cler

Received of John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer fifty seven pound Lawful mony In part of my Present years Sallery
Worcester april 14 : 1767 Thaddeus Maccarty
£57 0 0

Recd of John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer Six pounds In part of my Present years Sallery may 11 : 1767
Thaddeus Maccarty

Rec^d^ of John Chandler Town Treasurer Seven pound In part of my Last years Sallery July 13 : 1767
Thaddeus Maccarty

Rec^d^ of John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer of Worcester thirty pound Lawful mony which with what I before Rec^d^ Is in full of my Last years Sallery Ending In June Last
Sept 5 : 1767 Thaddeus Maccarty

Worcester ss: at a Town meeting Regularly assembled at the meeting House In Worcester In S[d] Town on Thursday the Seventh Day of may a D 1767 for y[e] Choice of a Representative and other matters mentioned In the Warrant

Joshua Biglo was Chosen to Represent said Town In y[e] Gen[ll] Court the Currant year

on the Second article John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator att John Chandler Town Cler

voted that y[e] following sums be Granted for y[e] following Purposes viz[t]

To Joshua Biglo for a Pole Tax assessed to Daniel Knight for ye year 1766	0 13 0		
To Do for Daniel Boyden Jur Pole Tax	13 0		
To Do for Benja Crosbys Taxes	1 6 0		
To Do for Nathan Woodburys Pole Rated to Capt Doolittle	13 0		
To Do for Thomas Greens Taxes	1 6 1½		
		£4 11	1½
To amos Wheeler for a Pole Tax asseessd to Edward Knight for ye year 1765	0 12 8½		
To Do for David Boyds Pole Tax	12 8½		
To Do for Samll Rice Pole Tax	12 8½	1 18	1½
To Samuel Eaton for Joseph Ballards Pole Tax	12 8½		
To Do for Benja Crosbys Taxes	1 5 5	1 18	1½
To Doctor Green part of his act for James Whitney		1 2	7
To Docter Willard for Boarding Wm Crawford while Keeping School In ye year 1758 47½ weeks @ 6/		14 5	0
pd To Cornelius Stowell for Carrying a Poore family to Leicester and one to Shrewsbury		12	0
pd To Samll moore for 3 Wild Cats Killed		1 10	0
pd To Peter Johnson for one Wild Cat Killed		10	0
pd To James Trowbridge for one IId Plank		7	0
To Ephraim Doolittle for taking Care of ye meeting House 25 months @ 60/		5 5	0
To the Selectmen for ye Support of ye Poore they to be accountable		40 0	0
To the Revd mr macarty for one years Sallery Comincing In June next		90 0	0
on ye Sixth article voted that ye sum of Seven pound be Granted to pay ye Passage & Lay in [?] for John Lebear & family to Canada and that ye Selectmen be & hereby are Impowered to Hire ye same on Interest till the mony be Raised and paid into the Treasury to Enable them to pay ye same and that ye sum so Granted be under their Direction & used for no other Purpose		7 0	0
		£168 18	11½

on ye Seventh article voted that Capt Doolittle m^r^ Baldwin and m^r^ Stone be a Comittee to Draw up Instructions for the General Conduct of our Representative ye Currant year and to make Report at the adjournment of this meeting

voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the Eighteenth Day of may Currant five oClock afternoon to be Held at this Place

ye aforegoing votes Passed at said meeting
att John Chandler moderator

Entred from ye original ℔ John Chandler Town Cler

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at a Town meeting Held at Worcester on monday the Eighteenth Day of may a D 1767 at five oClock afternoon by adjournment from ye Seventh Instant

voted that ye sum of twelve Shillings be and hereby is Granted to amos Wheeler full for Removing Cotton Bradshaw from Worcester to Shrewsbury	£0 12 0
To ye Revd mr macarty In addition to his Sallery Granted ye Seventh Instant ye Sum of ten pounds	10 0 0
	£10 12 0

The Comittee appointed ye Seventh Instant to Draw Instructions for ye Gen^ll^ Conduct of mr Joshua Biglo onr Representative ye Currant year made Report Read & accepted and ordered to be Recorded

ye aforegoing votes Passed at said meeting
att John Chandler moderator

Enterd from ye original ℔ John Chandler Town Cler

To Mr Joshua Bigelow S^r^ as we have Devol^d^ on you the Important trust as Representing us at the Great and General Cort the Year Insueing we your Constituents therefore think it our Duty and Interest to Give you the following Instructions Relative to Some of Your Conducts In Said Trust (viz)

First that you use your Influence to Maintain & Continue that Harmony and Good will Between Great Brittain and this Province

as may be most conducive to the Prosperity of Each, by a Steady and firm attachment to English Liberty and the Charter Rights of this Province and that willingly suffer no Inovations Either Through Pretext of Precedency or any other way whatsoever; and if you find any Incroachments on our Charter Rights that you use your utmost abillitys to obtain a Constitutional Redress

2dly that you use your Influence to obtain a law to put an End to that unchristian and Impolitick Practice of making Slaves of the Humane Speices in this Province and that you give your vote for none to serve in his Majestys Council who you may have Reason to think will use their Influence against such a Law or that Sustain any office Incompattable with such Trust and in such Choice Prefer such Gentlemen and such only who have Distinguished themselves in the Defence of our Liberty

3^{ly} that you use your Influence that the fee Table of this Province be Established more agreeable to the Rules of Justice set not to the Sherrifs fees &c Double as much pay as the service may be Done for (and in General is by the Deputy Sherriffs) Neither oblige Jurymen &c &c to Do service at the Expence of their own Private Esteates or be Subjected to Large fines or Penalties but Subject all or none at all by Penaltys and appoint so much fees and no more as may be Agreeable to Each Service and that you observe this Rule in Granting Pay for Contingent & ocational Charges

4^{ly} that [you] use your Indeavour to Relieve the People of this Province from the Great Burden of Supporting so many Latin Grammer Schools whereby they are Prevented from Attaining such a Deegree of English Learning as is Necessary to Retain the freedom of any State

5^{ly} that you make Deligent Inquirey into the Cause of such General Neglect of the Militia of this province and Indeavour a Redress of such Grievance without which we Apprehend in time we be made an Easy Prey by the Enemies of Great Britain

6^{ly} Take Special Care of the Liberty of the Press and S^{r} we hope and trust that in all Matters that may come before you you will have a single Eye to the Publick Good have a watchfull Eye

over those who are seeking the Ruin of this Province and Indeavour to make this Province Reciprocally Happy with our Mother Country

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Worcester ss at a meeting Regularly assembled at ye meeting House In Worcester In S^d^ Town on monday ye nineteenth Day of october a D 1767

John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator

att John Chandler T Cler

The following sums Granted for ye following Purposes vizt

		£	s	d
To John Chandler T Treasurer to Enable him to pay ye County Tax		£14	0	11
To Do for Capt Doolittle			5	
To Ebenezer Wiswell for mending meeting House Windows			3	0
To Samll miller for 150 feet Plank @ 8/			12	0
To Josiah Brewer Esq for 75 feet Plank			6	0
To Samll Hunt for [?] Hd Plank			10	0
To John Chandler for Interest on ye mony ye Town owed him towards ye meeting House		2	2	6
To ye Selectmen to Enable them to pay for ye Taking Care of ye meeting House		3	0	0
To Joshua Biglo for Henry Springs Pole Tax	13: 0			
To Do for Joshua Bancrofts Taxes 1766	1: 3: 1⅞	1	16	1⅞
		22	15	6⅞

on ye third article ye Comittee appointed In march Last to Examine ye Town Treasurers account made Report Read & axcepted and whereas it appears a Ballance Due to ye Town being 37 : 5/ 10½ part of which is now outstanding In Joshua Biglo Hands Collector for ye year 1766 vizt ye sum of £9 : 15/ 11⅛ which Ballance ye Treasurer is further to account for

on ye fourth article Such of ye Inhabitants Present which had not Givein in Lists of their Polls & Estates Gave in ye Same

on ye Sixth article voted that ye sum of Eighty three pound Sixteen Shillings Granted In march Last and ye Sum of one Hundred

Sixty eight pound Eighteen Shillings & Eleven pence half penny Granted on ye Seventh of may Last & ye Sum of ten pounds twelve Shillings Granted on ye Eighteenth Day of may Last & ye Sum of twenty two pound fifteen Shillings & Sixpence Seven Eighth of a penny Granted at this meeting making In ye whole ye Sum of £286 : 2/6⅜ be Levyed and assessed upon ye Polls & Estates in Said Town In one Tax ye Currant year one half of Said Sum to be paid into the Town Treasury on or before ye twenty fifth Day of December next and ye other half on or before ye first Day of march next

the aforegoing votes Passed at S^d^ meeting
att John Chandler moderator

Entered from ye original & Compared therewith
℔ John Chandler Town Cler

Worcester ss : at a meeting Regularly assembled at the meeting House in Worcester In said Town on monday ye Twenty eighth Day of December a D 1767

John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator
att John Chandler Town Cler

voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the fourtenth Day of march next two oClock afternoon
att John Chandler moderator

Entered from ye original ℔ John Chandler Town Cler

Received of ye Selectmen of Worcester by ye hand of John Chandler Esq Eight pound ten Shillings In part of ye Interest mony Due to me march 14 1768 Thaddeus Maccarty

Received of ye Selectmen of Worcester by ye hand of John Chandler Esq fifteen pound Seventeen Shillings & Sixpence on account of Interest mony Due to me
Nov 19 1768 Thaddeus Maccarty

at a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the fourteenth Day of march A D 1768 after Legal warning for the Choice of Town officers &c and to Transact other matters agreeable to the Several articles Contained in the Warrant

at Said meeting John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator

att John Chandler Town Clerk

John Chandler Esq Tim° Paine Esq Joshua Bigelow Benj[a] Flagg Jon[a] Stone Selectmen and Assessors

Clark Chandler Town Clerk

John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer

Absolom Rice Edward Knight Wardens

Palmer Goulding Josiah Peirce Constables

David moore Collector of Taxes

Samuel m[c]Crakin Sealer of Taned & Curryed Leather

Palmer Goulding Clerk of the market

Israel Jenison Surveyor of Shingles Boards Hoops & Staves

David moore John Curtice Samuel mower David Bancraft Samuel Eaton Jonas Hubbard Benjamin Stowell Jonathan Stone Elisha Smith Francies Harrington Surveyers of Highways and Collectors of the Highway Taxes

Noah Harris Cornelius Stowell fence Viewers

Samuel Brooks Elijah Harrington Tythingmen

John Barber Joshua Whitney Dear Reives

Henry Ward Luke Brown Jun[r] Rayham Bancraft Benj[a] Whitney William Taylor Jonathan Rice James m[c]farland Hog Reeves

Samuel Whitney Joshua Whitney Feild Drivers

on the third article voted that the sum of five pound be and hereby is Granted unto David moore for Collecting the Taxes the Currant year Voted that he Give Security to the Town Treasurer to pay the money that Shall be Granted the Currant year and Comitted to him to Collect as also the province tax that Shall be Laid on Said Town the Currant year & pay in the Same to the Respective Treasurers agreeable to the Direction in the Warrant for Collecting the Same

On the fourth artikle voted that the Skool be Kept in the Same way and manner as was Voted the Last Year also voted that the Sum of Seventy Six pound Sixteen Shillings be Granted Levied & assesed on the Polls and Estates in said Town agreeable to Law for the Support of the Skools the Currant year

On the fifth artikle Voted that James Putnam Esq John Curtice and Nathan Perry be a Comittee to Settle accounts with the Town Treasuer

On the Sixth artikle Voted that the Sum of two Hundred pounds be Granted Levied and assesed on the Polls and Estates in Said Town in the Same way and manner as Voted at the Generall annual Meeting held the fourth of March 1750/1 to be expended in Building Bridges and Causways Mending and Repairing Decayed ones Putting and Keeping the Roads in Good Repair the present year and that the Same be worked out by the first Day of October next and the Same wages be allowed and Rules followed in all Regards as Voted in Said Meeting and that the Select men Direct in Giveing orders to the Serveyors to allow all Persons to work so as to accomodate them they Haveing a Regard to the Publick Good and those who have worked out more than their Rate for the Last year may be allowed for the Same out of the Present years Tax they Producing proper Certificates and those who have not worked out their Last year Tax may have the Liberty to work the Same provided they do it before the twenty fifth Day of June Next

On the Seventh artikle the Select men made a verbal Report that they had Recived the Sum of Eight pounds ten Shillings part of the Interst mony due to the Town and paid the Same to The Rev^{d} mr maccarty—Voted that they be Discharged of Said Sum

On the Eighth artikle the Question was put whether The Swine should go at Large the Currant year they being Yoaked & Ringed according to Law and it passed in the affirmative

On the Ninth artikle the Question was put whether the Town would accept of a Town way Laid from the East End of the Farm in Worcester where Joseph Wiley Lives to Holden line & Thro the Land of the Heirs of Col^{o} Brown & it passed in the affirmative and ordered that the Return of Select men be Recorded

On the Tenth artikle the Question was put whether the Town would accept of a Small Peice of a Road Laid out by the Select men on the South Side of the House of the House of the Widdow Lydia Ball so far East as the East of the wall and it passed in the affirmative and ordered that the Return of Said Road by the Select men be Recorded

Voted That the Sum of three pounds be and hereby is Granted unto the Said Lydia Ball for the Land Taken from her by the above Road and the Land taken from her by the Comittee of the Court of General Sessions for the County of Worcester for the Road Laid to accomadate John Green and that the Road be fenced out at the Charge of the Town & that the Selectmen in giveing out their orders to the Serveyers of order that the Respective Serveyers allow Such persons as work at Said fence out of the Highway tax in the Same Manner as tho they worked at Repairing the Road

Voted That the Honble Timothy Paine and James Putnam Esqr be a Comittee to apply to the Court of Gen^{rll} Sessions of the peace to be held at Worcester in may Next Praying that Said Court would Discontinue so much of Said Road as is Laid out and accepted by the Town and as the Town has by the above vote agreed to Make Satisfaction for the way Laid by order of said Court to accomadate said Green to pray that the Petition of Said Lydia for Damages may be Dismissed

The aforegoing Votes Passed at S^{d} Meeting
att^{s} John Chandler Moderator

at the above Meeting the Town Signified their mind that Joshua Bancrofts Rates should be abated the year past

Wm Elder at this meeting agreed to Support the Widdow Burnet for 5/4 ℔ Week

James Hart also agreed to Support the Widdow Gleasson for 4/ ℔ Week

assessers sworn March 21 1768 & Town Treasurer

Memorandum of a Road laid from where the Town Road formerly Laid out to the Land of Joseph Wiley at the East End of his farm to Holden line Begining at the End of Said Road &

Turning Round the Corner of said Wileys Lott and bounding on his North Line to an oak Tree marked and from thence turning Northerly by marked tres thro the Land of the Heirs of Coll° Brown to Holden line Worcester December 4 : 1768

John Chandler } Selectmen
Joshua Bigelow } of
Jonathan Stone } Worcester

Entred from the Originall ℔ Clark Chandler T : Clerk

Memorandum of a way Laid to accomadate Docter John Green Begining at the Gate Near the House of Lydia Ball and to Extend Easterly till it Comes to the East Side of her wall to bound Northerly on her House & Continueing the Same Course till it Comes to the East Said of the wall aforesaid and to Extend so far Southerly till it Comes to the North of the wall aforesaid and is aboute one Rod wide Worcester February 19 : 1768

Tim° Paine } Selectmen
Joshua Bigelow } of
Benj^a Flagg } Worcester

Entred from the Originall ℔ Clark Chandler T : Clerk

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at a Town meeting held at Worcester on monday the fourteenth Day of march a D : 1768 two oClock afternoon by adjournment from the twenty Eighth Day Deacember Last on the Second artikle the Question was put whether the Town would Prosicute Thomas Stearns in the Law to Recover the money the Town of Chelsea Recovered of this Town for the Last sickness & funeral Charges of Richd Stowers a poor person received in hear by said Stearns and it passed in the Negative

On the third Artikle the Question was put whether the Town would Prosicute in the Law John Curtice Junr to Recover the money paid by this Town for the Support of Lydia Cutting a poor person Recivd in here by Said Curtice it being Suggested to the Town to be a Trifling Sum and it passed in the Negative

On the fourth artikle the Question was put weather the Town would prosecute in the Law Francies Harrington to Recover the

money this Town must pay for the Support of Jane Morse a poor person Received in here by said Harrington and it passed in the Negative

On the fifth artikle the Question was put whither the Town would Grant a Suitable sum of money for the Prosecuting in the Law William Jenison Stearns for the [recovery] of the thirds that the Widdow Deliverance Stearns a poor person now Supported by this Town has in the Estate of said Stearns and it passed in the Negative

On the Sixth Artikle the Question was put whither to [*sic*] the Town would Grant a Suitable sum of money for the Building a Work House Voted some time Since to be Built and it passed in the Negative

The Seventh artikle in the Warrant being Read Relative to the Promoting Industry & Œconomy m^r^ Joshua Biglow our Representive moved to the Town that before they Came to a Vote he might Read the Vote of Honb^le^ House of Representatives of this Province Passed the 26th of February Last Relative to the Promoting Industry Œconomy & Good Morralls and for the Discountenancing the use of foreingn Superfluetyes and to Incourage the Manufactures of this Province which was Granted him it was also moved & Seconded that the Reasons Given by the Honb^ll^ Timothy Ruggles the Representative of Hardwick on his Desenting answer to the Vote aforesaid might allso be Read which accordingly was done and the Question was put whither the Town would buy any Brittish manufacturys more than they Could pay for and it passed in the affirmative

Voted that the Eighth artikle[1] in the Warrant be Refered

The aforegoing Votes passed at Said meeting

att^s^ John Chandler moderator

Entrerd from the Originall ℔ Clark Chandler T: Clerk

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at a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the Ninth Day of may a D 1768 for the Choice of a Representative & other matters Contained in the Warrant

[1]Relating to the abatement of a poll tax.

Joshua Bigelow was Chosen to Represent said Town in the Generall Court the Currant year

On the Second artikle John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator att[s] Clark Chandler T Clerk

Voted that the following sums be Granted for the following purposes (viz)

	£	s	d
To Daniel Hubbard for Joshua Bancrofts Taxes	1	16	1
To Micah Johnson for 296 feet Plank for Bridges	1	4	0
To Joseph Perry for Timber for Bridges		3	6
To Doct Green his acct against James Whitney	1	19	5
To Wm mcFarland for his Prentices pole tax when he ought not to have been Rated	1	3	7
To William Elder for a small peice of Land Taken for a Road	0	12	0
To James Quigley to Enable him to pay for Doctring of Margrett miles	3	0	0
To Luke Brown for Simon Oakes Pole Tax		17	8½
On the fourth artikle Voted to the Revd mr maccarty for one year Salery Commencing in June Next	100	0	0
	110	16	3½

On the fifth artikle upon the Petition of the Town of Lancaster whereas by Removing any of the Courts from the Town of Worcester the shire Town of the County to Lancaster[1] three fourths of the Inhabitants of Said County will be obliged to Travel further than they at present do there fore voted that m[r] Joshua Bigelow the present Representative of the Town of Worcester use his utmost Endeavour to prevent the Removing Said Courts and that he allso use his Endeavour that another Term of the Superior Court be held at Worcester for Said County

Voted that the accounts of Charge made by Capt Palmer Goulding & m[r] John Gates be Refered to the Selectmen that they audit the Same & order payment to be made for Such sums as are Respectively Due to them

On the Seventh artikle voted that Capt John Curtice Capt Israel Jenison & m[r] Jacob Chamberlane be a Comittee for fencing out the Road thro the Widdow Balls Land to accomadate John Green

[1] At the time of the formation of the county, the proposition to make Lancaster a shire town was opposed on the ground that it would corrupt the morals of its young people.

& that they Lay their account of Charge before the Town for their allowance

the aforegoing Votes passed at S[d] meeting
att[s] John Chandler moderator

Entred from the Original ℔ Clark Chandler Town Clerk

Received of John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer of Worcester one Hundred Pound Lawful money In full for my Last years Sallery Ending In June Last November 7 : 1768

Thaddeus Maccarty

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at a Town meeting held at y[e] meeting House in Worcester on monday y[e] Seventh Day of November a D 1768 three oClock afternoon To Transact on y[e] Several articles Contained in the Warrant

John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator
att[s] Clark Chandler Town Clerk

on y[e] Second article voted that y[e] following Sums be Granted for the following Purposes viz[t]

	£	s	d
To Jonas Bancroft for 660 feet of three Inch Plank	2	12	9
To Samll Moore for 219 feet Ditto		17	6
To Joseph Perry for boarding & Nursing John Spence Eleven Weeks while Sick	5	8	0
To Jonas Hubbard for Bringing up y[e] Bell		14	4
To Jonathan Stone for 6 Sticks Timber for Kittle Brook Brldge 30 feet Long		10	0
To Tyrus Rice for 17 trees usd in half way River Bridge		17	0
To Jacob Hemingway his acct of Sundrys	2	5	2
To Samuel Eaton for Reubin Rice Pole Tax 1765		12	8
To y[e] Selectmen y[e] sum of fifty Pounds for y[e] Support of y[e] Poore they to be accountable	50	0	0
To y[e] Select men y[e] Sum of twenty eight pound six shillings and Eight pence for y[e] Contingent Charges of y[e] Town to be accountable	28	6	8
To Daniel Hubbard for John Willard Pole Tax		5	10
To Josiah Brewer for 204 feet 2 Inch Plank		12	0

To ye Town Treasurer fourteen pound & Eleven pence to Enable him to pay ye County Tax		14 0 11
To ye assessers for Taking valuation viz:		
John Chandler 9 Days	1 16 0	
Expenses pd by him	11 3	2 7 3
Timo Paine Esq 2 & ½ Days	10 0	
for Cash pd for Black Lists	9s	0 19 0
To Joshua Biglo 4 Days & half		18 0
To Jonathan Stone 4 Days & ½		18 0
To Benja Flagg 4 Days & ½		18 0
		£112 13 3

on ye third article ye Comittee appointed In march Last to Examine the Town Treasurers account made Report Read and accepted Whereby it appears ye Treasurer is in advance the sum of twenty four pound & Eight pence that there is a Ballance due from mr Collecter Biglo of 34 15/ 8 and of Collecter Hubbard of 26 7/ 17⅛ that 24 : 0/ 8 of said sum be applyed to pay ye Treasurer what he is in advance and that he further account for four pound & Seven pence half penny when he Receives ye Same

on ye fourth article Such of ye Inhabitants Present as had not Given in their List of Estate Gave them in

on ye fifth article voted that mrs Lydia Rice and her Unmarryed Daughters have Leave to Build an House for them to Dwell in During her Natural Life and their Remaining Unmarryed on ye Towns Land East of Capt Palmer Gouldings shop either with Liberty of Removing ye Same when they Please Reserving to ye Inhabitants of ye Town Liberty of Purchasing ye Same House at ye Death of ye Lydia and marriage of her Said Daughters in Case they do not Remove ye Same and that ye Select men mark out Said House Spot

on ye Sixth article voted that ye Sum of Eighty four pound Sixteen Shillings Granted in march Last and ye Sum of one Hundred & ten Pounds Sixteen Shillings & three pence half penny Granted the ninth Day of may Last and the Sum of one Hundred and twelve Pound thirteen Shillings & three pence Granted at this meeting making in ye whole ye Sum of £308: 6 6½ be Levied and assessed upon ye Polls and Estates in Said Town in one

Tax ye Currant year one half of said Sum to be paid Into ye Town Treasury on or before ye first Day of January next and ye other half on or before the first Day of march next

voted that the Select men be a Comittee to Provide Stone Steps for the meeting House and Lay their accounts of Charge before ye Town for their allowance

The Select men haveing agreable to ye Seventh article In the Warrant Laid before ye Town a List of Persons Liable by Law and which they Judge able and Qualified to Serve on Petit Jurors out of which ye Town Selected out one Quarter Part to Serve at ye Superiour Court of Judicature Court of assize and General Goal Delivery namely

Daniel Boyden	Nathan Perry	Jacob Hemingway
John Boyden	Cornelius Stowell	Israel Jenison
David Bancroft	Jonathan Stone	asa moore
Benja Flagg	Samll Brooks	Samll Miller
Palmer Goulding	Nathan Baldwin	Elisha Smith
James Goodwin	Jacob Chamberlain	William Young

and the Remainder of Said List to Serve as Jurors at the Inferiour Court of Comon Pleas and Court of Gen^ll^ Sessions of the peace Namely

Daniel Biglo Jr	Benja Stowell	Ezekiel How
Samll Bridge	James Trowbridge	Jonas Hubbard
Timo Biglo	Thomas Wheeler	micah Johnson
David Chaddick	Isaac Willard	Jonathan Knight
Joseph Clark Jr	Henry Ward	John Kelso
Saml Curtis	Ebenezer Wiswell	Ebenezer Lovell
William Gates	Joshua Whitney	John mower
Josiah Harrington	Thaddeus Biglo	James mcfarland
Elijah Harrington	Eleazer Holbrook Jr	John moore
Joseph Hastings	Samll Brown	Samll mcCrakin
Nathll moore	Joseph Blair	Josiah Peirce
Silas moore	James Barber	Tarrant Putnam
James Nichols Jr	David Biglo	David Thomas
Richard Pratt	John Fisk	amos Wheeler
Comfort Rice	Josiah Flagg	Joseph Wiley
David Richardson	Isaac Gleeson	Ebenezer Flagg
Jonathan Rice	Robert Gray	Ebenezer White
	John Smith ye 2d	

and voted that they be Put into Seperate Boxes according to Law

The aforegoing votes Passed at Said meeting
att John Chandler moderator

Entered from ye original & Compared therewith
Pr Clark Chandler T Clerk

Recd of John Chandler Town Treasurer of Worcester fifty Pounds Lawful money In part of my Present years Sallery
January 10 : 1769 Thaddeus Maccarty

Received of John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer of Worcester fifty Pound Lawful money In full for my Present Years Sallery Ending ye 25 of June next
Worcester march 6 : 1769 Thaddeus Maccarty

Rec^d^ of John Chandler Esq one of ye Select men of Worcester fifteen pound nineteen Shillings & two pence which with what I have before Rec^d^ at Sundry times before is In full of ye Interest money Due to me to ye first Day of November Last
Worcester march 6 : 1769 Thaddeus Maccarty

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at a Town meeting Held at ye meeting House in Worcester on monday ye Sixth Day of march a D 1769 after Legal Warning for ye Choice of Town officers &c & to Transact other matters agreeable to the Several articles Contained In ye Warrant

at Said meeting John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator
att Clark Chandler Town Clerk

John Chandler Esq Tim^o^ Paine Esq m^r^ Joshua Biglo Benj^a^ Flagg micah Johnson Select men and assessers

Clark Chandler Town Clerk

John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer

John Gates Joseph Blair Wardens

Capt Palmer Goulding Josiah Pierce Constables

Francis Harrington Collecter of Taxes

Sam[ll] M[c]Crakin Sealer of Tanned & Curryed Leather

Tyrus Rice Cler of y[e] market

Israel Jenison Surveyer of Shingles boards Hoops & Staves

Francis Harrington Robert Smith Nath[ll] Moore Joseph Clark Jr Simon Gates Josiah Peirce Joseph Perry Capt Sam[ll] Mower Capt Israel Jenison Tim[o] Biglo John Chandler Surveyors of Highways & Collectors of y[e] Highway Taxes

Benj[a] Stowell & Josiah Flagg Fence Viewers

Isaac Willard David Biglo Tything men

Elisha Smith John Gates Deer Reeves

Joshua Whitney Henry Ward Gershom Rice Jr John Brewer Daniel Tatman Nath[ll] Brooks Samuel Rice Elijah Harrington Hog Reeves

Joshua Whitney Daniel Harris field Drivers

Tim[o] Paine Esq Sworn may 26 : 1769 assesser

℔ J Chandler Just Pacis

on y[e] third article voted that y[e] Sum of Six pound ten Shillings be & hereby is Granted unto Francis Harrington for Collecting the Taxes y[e] Currant year voted that he Give Security with sufficient Bondsmen to y[e] Town Treasurer to pay y[e] money that Shall be Granted y[e] Currant year and Comitted to him to Collect as also y[e] Province Tax that shall be Laid on said Town y[e] Currant year and pay In y[e] same to the Respective Treasurers agreeable to y[e] direction in y[e] Warrants for Collecting y[e] Same

on y[e] fourth article voted that William Young Joshua Biglo Josiah Peirce Jonathan Stone David Bancroft, Cornelius Stowell Israel Jenison and Benj[a] Stowell be a Comittee to treat with y[e] Proprietors of y[e] Gramer School In Town and to agree with them upon what terms they will allow said School to be Considered as the Towns Gramer School for y[e] Benefit of Such Persons In Town as Shall Incline to send their Children there and also to Consult Some Plan for Keeping English Schools In S[d] Town

on y[e] fifth artikle voted that James Goodwin Jacob Chamberlin and Nathan Perry be a Comittee to Settle accounts with the Town Treasurer

on ye Sixth article voted that ye Sum of two Hundred Pound be Granted Levied & assessed on ye Polls and Estates in said Town In ye Same way and manner as was voted at ye General annual meeting held the fourth of march 1750/1 to be Expended in Building Bridges & Causways mending & Repairing Decayed ones Putting & Keeping ye Roads In Good Repair ye Present Year and that ye Same be worked out by ye first Day of october next and ye Same wages be allowed and Rules followed in all Regards as voted in said meeting (and that the Select men Direct in Giveing orders to ye Surveyers to allow all Persons to Work so as to accomodate them they haveing a Regard to ye Publick Good) and those who have Worked out more than their Rate for ye Last year may be allowed for ye Same out of ye Present Years Tax they Producing Proper Certificates and those who have not Worked out their Last Years Tax may have ye Liberty to Work the Same Provided they do it before ye twenty fifth Day of June next voted that John Chandler Esq have his Tax and Daniel mansfield Tax to Repair ye Road to S^d^ mansfield

on ye Seventh article ye Selectmen made Report that they had Renewed ye bonds Due to ye Town and Taken them Payable the first Day of November next ye Same being Due from ye following Persons vizt

Wm Young & W^m^ M^c^farland	80	0	0
David Sanderson John Stowell & Jon^a^ marble	50	0	
Ebenezer Richardson David Child & Jonas Ward	40		
Palmer Goulding John Boyden and Cornelius Stowell	35	17	10
Noah Jones and Daniel Boyden	20		
Ebenezer Willington and Edward Knight	13	6	8
John Boyden and James Nichols	33	6	8
Phinehas Ward John Boyden and abel Heywood	22	15	0
Samuel Eaton & Ebenezer Flagg	35	16	8
	331	2	10
a Bond Due from Hugh Crawford William Yong and W^m^ m^c^farland Sued to Last January Court	36		
	367	2	10

That they have paid ye Interest arising by ye above bonds to the first Day of November Last to ye Rev^d^ m^r^ maccarty & taken his Receipt In full to that time ye Interest Due on ye Last mentioned bond when paid will belong to John Chandler Esq who advanced the Same

Read & accepted voted that ye Select men be Discharged of Said Interest mony

on ye Eighth article ye Question was Put whither ye Swine should go at Large ye Currant Year they being Yoaked & Ringed according to Law and it passed in ye affirmative

on the ninth article ye Select men made Report of a Town Road Laid out near Robert Smith House thro his Land & so to the House of Benj^a^ Whitney and from thence to Holden Line thro the Land of ye Heirs of Col^o^ Browns Dec^d^ Read and accepted and ordered that ye Same be Recorded——also of a Town Road Laid out from S^d^ Road to John Barbers Read and accepted and ordered that ye Select mens Return be Recorded——also of a Town Road Laid thro the Land of ye Heirs of John Chaddick Jr Dec^d^ across S^d^ Heirs Land and Land of Jonathan Chaddick to ye Road Leading to Robert Smiths Read & accepted and ordered that ye Select mens Return be Recorded

on ye Eleventh article ye Question was put whither ye Town would Sell ye School Land adjoyning to Othniel Taylers and ye Town Land on mill Stone Hill and it passed in ye Negative

voted that the Select men with Capt Daniel Ward Samuel M^c^Crakin and Jacob Hemingway be a Comittee to audit Ebenezer Wiswells account against ye Town and Report at ye next meeting

voted that this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the fifteenth Day of march Currant one oClock afternoon to be Held at this Place att^s^ John Chandler moderator

The following Road Laid out by ye Select men of Worcester on ye 17th of Novem a D 1768 is Presented to ye Town for their acceptance at their annual meeting march 1769 vizt

begining at a Black oak tree Supposed to Stand in ye Line between Worcester and Holden from thence in ye Land of ye heirs of Col^o^.

Wm Brown Dec^d^ to a Black or Gray oak then to a Small Pitch Pine tree then to a Rock with Stones on it then to a White oak and heap of Stones Round it then to two Chestnuts with fixed Rocks nigh ye Root then to a gray oak a Rock being nigh ye Roots then to a white oak near an old trod Road then in ye trod Road about 8 Rods & Crossing ye Same to a Chestnut and heap of Stones Round it from thence to a Walnut from thence to another Walnut all ye said marks being in said Browns Heirs Land & from ye Last Walnut to a Gray oak in Benj^a^ Whitney Land from thence to a Large Chestnut in ye Line between said Benj^a^ Land and his Son Samuel and from thence to a Stake and Stones on the West Side of ye Lane Leading from said Benj^a^ Whitneys House ye Road from ye begining to said Stake and Stones is Laid on the Northerly Side said trees which are all marked & from said Stake and Stones in said Lane to a Chestnut Stump & heap of Stones In Benj^a^ Whitney Jr^s^ Land on ye northerly Side said Road & from S^d^ Stump to Chestnut Just within ye fence and from thence to a Walnut then to a Small Red oak then to a Large Stooping White oak near Robert Smith Line then through said Smiths Land upon ye Southerly Side his wall untill it Comes to a pair of Barrs and from S^d^ Barrs Straight to a Cherry tree Standing South of his House and from thence to a Wild Cherry tree Into ye County Road Leading by his House to Rutland the marks from ye Stump and Stones In Benj^a^ Whitney Jr^s^ Land are all on ye Northerly side ye Road and ye said Road is Laid out two Rods wide

John Chandler Tim^o^ Paine } Selectmen of
Joshua Biglo Benj^a^ Flagg } Worcester

Entered from ye original ℔ Clark Chandler Town Clerk

The following Road Laid out by ye Select men of Worcester on ye 17th of Novem a D 1768 is Presented to ye Town for their acceptance at their annual meeting march 1769

Viz^t^ begining at a Stake and Stones in ye Line between Sam^ll^. Whitney and John Barber at ye north End of ye Barn near said Barbers House from thence to Run Easterly in said Whitney Land to Walnut Standing South of said Whitneys House and from thence to a heap of Stones upon ye West Side of ye Road this Day Laid

out by the Select men Leading from Benj[a] Whitneys House y[e] said Road is Laid upon y[e] Southerly Side said marks one Rod & an half wide John Chandler Tim[o] Paine Joshua Biglo Benj[a] Flagg

Entred from the Originall ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

The following Road Laid out by y[e] Selectmen of Worcester on y[e] 17th of November a D 1768 is Presented to y[e] Town for their acceptance at their annual meeting march 1769

Viz[t] begining at a Stake and heap of Stones on y[e] Road Leading from y[e] Widdow Chaddicks to Robert Barbers and from said Stake & heap of Stones Runs Westerly in Land belonging to y[e] Heirs of John Chaddick Ju[r] Dec[d] to a White oak then to another White oak thence to a White oak In Jonathan Chaddick Land from thence to a maple in his Land & from thence to a White oak from thence to another White oak & from thence to a Gray oak all in his Land from thence to a White oak in Land Late belonging to Cornelius Waldo Dec[d] now owned by m[r] Brook in Great Brittain from thence crossing a Swamp to a Large Stooping Chestnut tree on y[e] West Side said Swamp and from thence by a Poplar tree into y[e] County Road from Worcester to Holdin by Robert Smiths y[e] said trees are all marked & the Road Laid on y[e] northerly Side said marked trees two Rods wide John Chandler Timothy Paine Joshua Bigelow Benj[a] Flagg

Entred from the Originall ℔ Clark Chandler T : Clerk

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at a Town meeting held at Worcester on Wednesday the fifteenth Day of march Currant one oClock afternoon by adjournment from the 6th march A D 1769

On the fourth Artikle the Comittee for the School Reported that they have attended Said Service and have proposed to the proprietors of the Gramer School that the Town allow Said Proprietors Six pound the Currant year Said proprietors Engaging that the Said Gramer School shall be free for all persons in Said Town Desirious of Learning the Languages be admitted by said proprie-

tors to have the Same priviledges and upon the Same Terms in Said School as the Children of Said Proprieters which proposals the Said proprieters have accepted and your Comittee are of oppinion that the method for Keeping English Schools in Said Town and for the Support of the Said Schools Each part of the Town Draw the money they pay towards the whole Sum Raised the currant year and Each have their proportion of the Interest money belonging to Said School said school to be Kept in the Several parts of the Town in Such Season of the year as shall be agreed upon by the major part of Said Quarter Your Comittee have Divided the Town into Eight parts and herewith Deliver the Same by the Report on file appears the Several parts of the Town proportion as Settled by the Committee as follows

Center of the Town	£19 1 0
Tannick	10 10 0
Smiths Quater	9 8 0
Bogachouge	8 8 0
Stones Quater	8 5 0
Stowels Quater	8 3
Capt Curtices Quater	7 11 0
Capt Flaggs Quater	7 11 0
	£79 17 0

Read and accepted and Voted that the Sum of Seventy six pounds Sixteen shillings be Levied and assessed upon the pools and Estates in Said Town the Currant year for the Support of said Schools Voted that the Sum of Six pounds part of the aforesaid Sum be paid unto the proprietors of the said Gramer School in Said Town on Condition of theire Complying with the Condition of the Report of the Committee Relative to the School

Voted that there be paid for the Support of the School In the Several parts of the Town out of the Town Treasury the Several Sums as above mentioned Except the Center School & that only the Sum of fifteen pounds be paid out of the Treasury for the Support of the Center School

Voted that the Honb[le] Timothy Paine, David Bigelow, W[m] Yong, Benjamin Flagg, Benjamin Stowel, David Bancroft, Jonathan Stone, & John Curtice be the Committee for Schools Each to act for his Respective Division and that Each of the Committee aforesaid Notifye their Respective Quaters or part of the Town & Take their Direction with Regard to the Keeping of the School and what time the School shall begin the matter to be approved of by the Select men agreeable to Law

Voted that John Boyden be a Surveyor of Highways and Collecter of Highway Taxes the Currant year

the foregoing Votes passed at Said meeting

attest John Chandler moderator

Entred from the Originall & Compared therewith

℔ Clark Chandler T : Clerk

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at a Town meeting Held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the twenty Second Day of may A D 1769 for the Choice of a Representative and other matters Contained in the Warrant

Joshua Bigelow was Chosen to Represent the Town in the Generall Court the Currant year

on the Second Artikle John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator attest Clark Chandler Town Clerk

On the third artikle the following Sums were Voted to the following Persons (viz)

Samuel moore for 322 feet Plank			£1	6	0
To Samuel Mcraken his account for mr Glassford				6	0
To John Chandler Esq his account for Do				8	10
To Ebenez Wiswell for mending meeting House Windows	0	1 0			
To Do Boarding Phillip Robert 11 weeks & half	2	6	2	7	0
To James Trobridge for 53 feet Plank				3	7
To Phinehas Rice for Killing 3 Wild Cats			1	10	0
To Samuel moore for Do			1	10	0
To Palmer Goulding for Ringing the Bell			1	4	0

To John Waters the Sum of 4: 10/ for taking Care of the meeting House & Sweeping it Including the Insuing year	4	10	0
Voted that the Select men be a Committee to audit Luke Browns account & to make Report on the fourth artikle voted that the Sum of one Hundred pounds be & hearby is Granted to the Revd mr maccarty for a years Sallery Comincing in June Next	100	0	0
	£113	5	5

On the fifth artikle the Question was put whither the Town would Seet the meeting House & it passed in ye Negative

on the Sixth artikle voted that the Elder Seet be used for Some Suitable persons to Lead the Congregation in Singing the Question was put whither the Town would appoint a Committee to Invite Some Suitable persons to Set in the Elder Seet to Lead the Congregation in Singing and it passed in the Negative

on the Seventh artikle the Question was put whither the Town would Sell a Small peice of theire Land in the Center of the Town to adam Walker to Build on and it passed in the Negative

The aforegoing Votes passed in S^d^ meeting
att John Chandler moderator

Entred from the Originall ℔ Clark Chandler T: Clerk

Worcester ss

at a Town meeting Regularly assembled at the meeting House in Worcester in Said Town on monday the Thirtyeth Day of October a D 1769

John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator
atst Clark Chandler Town Clerk

On the Second artikle mentioned in the Warrant the following Sums weare Granted to the following Persons (viz)

To the Select men for the Support of the Poore they to be accountable	£50	0	0
To Simon Gates for 2 Sticks Timber for half way River Bridge		3	
To David moore for Robert Browns Pole Tax		6	1

To Jacob Chamberlane John Curtice and Israel Jenison the Committee for fencing Doct Green Road to Enable them to pay for the fencing they to be accountable		40 0 0
To Ebenz Wiswell for Boarding Jane morse 124½ weeks Ending august 28 1769		19 15 10
To John Fisk for 1 Days work at the Stone Bridge		3 8
To Do his Ballance for 43 Days work at the meeting House		4 19 0¼
To John Kelso for Days work at the Stone Bridge 1 9 4		
To Do his Ballance for 4½ Days work at the meeting House Steps & Stones found 5 18 11¼	£7	8 3¼
To David Chaddick for his Ballance Due for work at the meeting House Steps & Stones found		2 11
To Jacob Holmes for his Ballance Due for work at the meeting House Steps		4 15 8
To Isaac Gleason for 9 Days work at meeting Steps Steps		1 7 0
To Jacob Hemingway 593 feet of Plank for Bridges		2 6 6
To David Bancroft for 400 feet Plank for Bridgs		1 12 0
To Robert Gray 145 feet Plank for Bridge		11 6
To John Chandler Tresurer to Enable him [line trimmed off]		13 18 11
	£147	10 4½

On the third artikle the Comittee appointed in march Last to Examine the Town Tresurers account made Report Read & accepted Whereby it appears a Ballance Remains in his Hands of £10 : 16 : 2⅞ Exclusive of the Sums out Standing (viz) in Joshua Bigelow Hands 34/ 1⅛ in Collecter moors Hands Six Shillings & one one penny making in the whole twelve pounds Sixteen Shillings & five pence half penny Therefore Voted that the Treasurer be Discharged of the Sum of three Hundred and four pounds Nine shillings & Eight pence half penny & that he further account for the money in his hands and the out Standing money aforesaid

On the fourth artikle Such of the Inhabitants present as had Not Given in List of theire Estate Give them in

On the fifth artikle voted that the Sum of Eighty three pounds Six Shillings Granted in march Last and the Sum of one Hundred & thirteen pounds five Shillings & three pence Granted in may Last & the Sum of one Hundred forty Seven pound ten shillings & fore pence Half penny be Levied & assessed upon the Polls & Estates in Said Town in one tax the Currant year one half of Said

Sum to be paid into the Town Treasury on or before the fifteenth Day of January Next & the other Half on or before the first Day of march Next

On the Sixth artikle the Town Granted to the Committee appointed to fence out the Road to Doct Greens the Sum already mentioned among the Grants

The aforegoing Votes passed at Said meeting
atst John Chandler moderator

Entered from ye original ℔ Clark Chandler Town Clerk

Received of John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer of Worcester fifty four pound fourteen Shillings & fore pence half penny Lawful mony In part of my Present years Sallery

Worcester march 3^d^ 1770 Thaddeus Maccarty

Rec^d^ of John Chandler Esq one of ye Select men of Worcester twenty two pound & Seven pence full for one Year Interest mony Due to me for ministerial Land Ending Novr 5 : 1769

march 5 : 1770 Thaddeus Maccarty

Received of John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer of Worcester forty five pound five Shillings & Seven pence half penny In full for my Last Year Sallery Ending In June Last

Nov 23 : 1770 Thaddeus Maccarty

Received of John Chandler Esq one of ye Select men of Worcester ten pound Eighteen Shillings & six pence three farthings Lawful mony In part of ye Interest mony Due to me Nov 1 : 1770

Worcester Nov. 23 : 1770 Thaddeus Maccarty

Rec^d^ of John Chandler Esq one of ye Select men of Worcester eleven pound one Shilling & Eleven pence farthing In full for ye Interest mony Due to me to ye first Day of Nov. 1770

march 4 : 1771 Thaddeus Maccarty

at a Town meeting Held at ye meeting House in Worcester on monday ye fifth Day of march a d 1770 after Legal Warning for ye Choice of Town officers &c & to Transact other matters agreeable to ye Several articles Contained in ye Warrant

at Said meeting John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator
att Clark Chandler T Clerk

John Chandler Esq Timo Paine Esq Mr Joshua Biglo Capt Benja Flagg Mr Nathan Baldwin Selectmen & assessers

Clark Chandler Town Clerk

John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer

John Smith Hatter & Joseph Clark Jr Wardens

Thomas Wheeler & John Gates Constables

Jonas Hubbard Collecter of Taxes

Samuel McCrakin Sealer of Tanned & Curryed Leather

Capt Tyrus Rice Clerk of ye market

Capt Israel Jenison Surveyer of Shingles boards Hoops & Staves

Daniel Biglo Jr Samll Brooks Noah Jones Jonathan Stone Comfort Rice Daniel Ward Benja Whitney Noah Harris John Mower James Goodwin Benja Stowell Surveyers of Highways & Collecters of ye Highway Tax

Josiah Flagg & Jonathan Fisk Fence Viewers

William Tayler & Isaac Willard Tythingmen

Capt Elisha Smith & Joshua Whitney Deer Reeves

abraham Smith William Tayler James Elder Edmund Heard Thos Knight Robert Cook Moses Miller Hog Reeves

Joshua Whitney & David Harris field Drivers

on ye third article voted that ye Sum of Eight pound be & hereby is Granted unto Jonas Hubbard for Collecting ye Taxes ye Currant year voted that he Give Security with Sufficient Bondsmen to ye Town Treasurer to pay ye mony that Shall be Granted ye Currant year and Comitted to him to Collect as also the Province Tax that Shall be Laid on Said Town ye Currant year and pay ye Same to ye Respective Treasurers agreeable to ye Direction in ye Warrant for Collecting ye Same

on the fourth article voted that mess James m^{c}farland Jonathan Stone and Ebenezer Flagg Set in ye Elder Seat to Lead in ye Congregation in Singing and on a motion made and Seconded voted Unanimously that m^{r} William Swan Set in ye Same Seat to assist ye aforesaid Gentlemen In Singing

on ye fifth article ye Comittee for Fencing Docter John Green Road thro ye Land of ye Widdow Ball Reported that they had agreed with John Ball to fence out said Road and make a Sufficient Wall four feet High that he had made ye Wall but not agreeable to their Contract with him they therefore Submitt ye matter to ye Town for Direction Relative to ye paying ye said John for said Wall as by ye Report on file appears voted that Said Comittee Draw an order on ye Town Treasurer to pay said John Ball Such Sum of mony for S^{d} Wall as they Shall Judge ye Same to be Reasonably worth

on ye Sixth article voted that ye Sum of Seventy Six pounds Sixteen Shillings be Levied and assessed on ye Poles & Estates in said Town the Currant year for ye Support of Schools that ye School Interest mony be also applyed for Schooling that Six pounds part of said Sum be & hereby is Granted to ye Proprieters of ye Gramer Schools ye Currant year said Proprieters haveing Ingaged that said Gramer School shall be free for Learning ye Languages be admitted by said Proprieters to have ye same Priviledges & upon ye same terms in said School as ye Children of said Proprieters That the Honb^{le} Timothy Paine Esq Josiah Flagg William Young James Goodwin Joshua Whitney Saml Curtis Jonathan Stone and Sam^{ll} Brooks be ye Comittee for Supplying ye Town with Schooling said School to be Kept in ye several Parts of ye Town In such season of ye year as shall be agreed upon by ye major Part of the Quarters & that ye aforesaid sum of 76 : 16 with ye Interest aforesaid be paid to said Comittee in ye following Proportion vizt——

the Honb^{le} Tim^{o} Paine Esq	£15			Joshua Whitney	8	3	
Josiah Flagg	9	8	0	Sam^{ll} Curtice	8	8	0
William Young	10	10	0	Jona Stone	8	1	0
James Goodwin	7	11	0	Sam^{ll} Brooks	7	11	0
					£74	16	0

that said Comittee each act for his Respective Division and that Each of said Comittee aforesaid notifye their Respective Quarters or parts of ye Town & take their Direction with Regard to ye Keeping of ye School & what time ye School shall begin ye master to be approved of by ye Select men agreeable to Law

on ye Seventh article voted that ye Honb^le^ Timothy Paine Esq Jacob Chamberlin & Capt John Curtis be a Comittee to Settle accounts with ye Town Treasurer

on ye Eighth article voted that ye sum of two Hundred and fifty Pounds be Granted Levied and assessed on ye Polls & Estates in said Town In ye same way & manner as was voted at ye Gen^ll^ annual meeting Held ye fourth of march 1750/1 to be Expended In Building Bridges and Causways mending & Repairing Decayed ones Putting & Keeping ye Roads In Good Repair ye Present year and that ye same be Worked out by ye first Day of october next and ye same Wages be allowed & Rules followed as was voted In said meeting and those who have worked out more than their Last Year Tax may be allowed for ye same out of ye Present Years Tax they Producing Proper Certificates & those who have not worked out their Last Years Tax may have the Liberty to Work ye Same Provided they Do it before ye twenty fifth Day of June next

on the ninth article the Select men Reported that Since the Last Report they had Received of Hugh Crawford ye thirty Six pounds Due on his bond and had Let ye same to William Young & William M^c^farland on Interest Payable ye first Day of november Last and that ye Remaining Sum Still Remains in ye hands of ye same Persons agreeable to their Last Report that they had Received ye Interest Due to ye first of november Last and paid ye same to ye Revd Mr Maccarty Therefore voted that ye Select men be Discharged of said Interest mony

on ye tenth article ye Question was Put whither ye Swine should go at Large ye Currant year they being Yoaked & Ringed according to Law & it Passed In ye affirmative

on ye Eleventh article ye Question was Put whither ye Town would Give Leave to ye Town of Shrewsbury to Git Stone Steps on mill Stone Hill for their meeting House & it passed In ye affirmative

on ye twelfth article ye Question was Put whither ye Town would Sell a Small Peice of meadow Lying in Prospect meadow belonging to them and it Passed In ye affirmative Therefore voted that ye Present Select men be a Comittee fully & absolutely Impowered to Sell Said meadow Lott to Such Person as Shall appear to Give most for ye Same and to make & Execute a Good & Sufficent Deed of ye Same to ye Purchaser for which Doing ye Town will Indemfye them & that ye mony arising by ye Sale be by them paid Into ye Town Treasury to be Disposed of by ye Town as they Shall here after order

on ye thirteenth article ye Select men made Report of a Town Road Laid out in Capt Israel Jenisons Land and for ye Discontinuance of part of a Road formerly Laid In ye Land now owned by said Jenison Read & accepted & voted that said Peice of Road as mentioned In Said Report be Discontinued and Said Road as Laid by ye Select men be accepted In Lieu thereof and ordered that ye Doings of ye Select men Relative thereto be Recorded

on ye fourteenth article voted that ye following Taxes for ye year 1769 be abated vizt

Samll Wiswell Tax		£0 15 5¾
Joseph Temple Jr Tax	£1 8/ 9½	
Enoch Cooks Tax	13/ 3¼	£1 12 0¾
Elijah Brown Tax	£1 3/ 3¼	
Jona Fisk [ ] Tax	16/ 7	£1 9 10¼
the Widdow Elizabeth Southgates ministerial Tax		£ 3 4⅛

[trimmed off]

That the Treasurer be & hereby is Directed to allow the above Sum of 4 : 0 : 8⅞ to Mr Francis Harrington Collecter of Taxes in his Settlement with him

voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the fourteenth Day of may next two oClock afternoon then to be held at this Place

The aforegoing Votes passed at S^d^ meeting
att John Chandler moderator

Entered from ye original & Compared there with
℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

To the freeholders and Qualified voters of Worcester at their Town meeting In march 1770 the following Report of Laying out ye following Road is Presented for their acceptance & allowance

begining at a Stake about Eighty Rods Southerly of ye Country Road Standing In ye old Fence In Capt Israel Jenisons Land and as ye fence Stands to Said Country Road Said Road to Lye on ye East of Said fence and four Rods wide and is Laid out in Leiu of ye Road that was Laid between this now Laid Road & Long Pond which old Road ye Said Select men apprehend in Case this new Proposed Road be accepted Should be Discontinued

Feb^r^ 13 1770

John Chandler
Tim^o^ Paine
Joshua Biglo
Benj^a^ Flagg
} Select men of Worcester

Entered from ye original & Compared there with

℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Worcester may 21 : 1770 Att a Town meeting Regularly warned and held by the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town Qualifyed to Vote in Town affairs and for the Choice of a Representative

on the first Artikle Joshua Bigelow was Chosen to Represent Said Town in the Generall assembly the Currant year

on the Second Artikle John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator atsst Clark Chandler Town Clerk

on the third Artikle Voted that the Following Sums be Granted to the following persons (viz)

	£	s	d
To Joseph Clark Jun his account	0	7	0
To Rayham Bancroft all his Taxes in Constable Harringtons Rates	0	17	8¼
To John Chandler Esq for a winding Sheet for Phillip Roberts		6	
To Ebenez Wiswell his account	1	11	4
To Thomas Whealer for a Days work		2	4
on the fourth Artikle Voted to the Revd mr maccarty for one years Sallery Commencing in June Next	100	0	0
	£103	4	4¼

on the 5th Artikle the Question was put weather the Town would Vote off Gershom Rice and Eighteen others with their Estates to be Erected into a District with a Number of the Inhabitants of the Towns of Leicester Oxford & Sutton and after a Long Debate it passed in the Negative

Allso at Said meeting Samuel Cowdin was Excused from working out his Highway Taxes

the aforegoing Votes passed at Said meeting
Attst John Chandler moderater

Entred from the original & Compared therewith
℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Worcester nov 27 : 1770 at a Town meeting Legally Warned and Held at ye Publick meeting House in Said Town by ye freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified to vote in Town affairs

John Chandler Esq was chosen moderator
att Clark Chandler Town Cler

on the Second article voted that ye following Sums be Granted to ye following Persons viz[t]

To John Elder for 100 feet of Plank	0	7	0
To Jonathan Stone for Ditto		8	0
To Oliver Curtis for timber full of his acct	2	5	8
To Samll & Stephen Salsbury full of their account	1	7	4¾
To Jacob Hemingway for Plank	4	7	8
To Joshua Whitney for timber for Biglo Bridge	1	5	0
To Simon Gates for five Sticks of Timber		7	6
To Clark Chandler full of his account	1	4	3¾
To asa moore for 400 feet Plank	1	12	0
To Collecter Harrington Joel Wessons Tax for 1769		12	2
To Do Silas Flaggs Do		12	2
To John Chandler Esq to Enable him to pay ye County Tax	22	6	3
To ye Select men to Provide for Samll Denny they to be accountable	5	0	0
To Do for ye Poore to be accountable	30	0	0
To Joseph Clark for Seven Sticks Timber for Trowbridge Bridge		18	8
	£72	13	9½

on ye third article ye Honble Tim^o^ Paine Esq one of ye Comittee appointed In march Last to Examine ye Town Treasurers account made Report Read & accepted whereby it appears a Ballance Remains yet to be accounted for vizt

In Joshua Biglo Hands	1	14	1⅝
In Collecter Harringtons Hands	18	0	11½
	19	15	0⅛
In ye Treasurers Hands	3	8	3⅜
	£23	3	4

and that the Treasurer be Discharged of three Hundred thirty three Pound fourteen Shillings & Eight pence half penny Lawful mony voted that he be Discharged of Said Sum and further account for the Sum of twenty three pound three Shillings & five pence half penny ye Ballance In his Hands & out Standing

on ye Sixth article voted that ye Sum of £88 : 16 : 8⅞ of a penny Granted at ye annual meeting in march Last and ye Sum of £103 : 4/ 4¼ Granted In may Last and also the Sum of £72 : 13 : 9½ Granted at this meeting making In ye whole ye Sum of £264 : 14 : 10⅝ be Levied and assessed upon ye Poles & Estates in Said Town In one Tax ye Currant year one half of Said Sum to be paid Into the Town Treasury by ye first Day of February next and the other half on or before the first Day of march next

on ye Seventh article voted that Nathan Perry and Josiah Peirce Set In ye Elders Seat to assist those already Seated there in Leading ye Congregation In Singing

voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday ye Seventeenth Day of December next three oClock afternoon to be held at this Place

ye aforegoing votes Passed at Said meeting
att John Chandler moderater

Entered from ye original Warrant & votes & Compared therewith ℔ Clark Chandler Town Clerk

at a Town meeting held at Worcester on menday the Seventeenth Day of December 1770 three oClock afternoon by adjournment from ye 27th of november Last

It being moved and Seconded whither the Town would Reconsider their vote of the twenty Seventh of november Last for Granting forty five Shillings & Eight pence to Oliver Curtis for Timber and it Passed In ye affirmative

It was also moved and Seconded whither y^e^ Town would Reconsider their vote of y^e^ 27 of november Last for Granting twenty five Shillings to Joshua Whitney for Timber and it Passed in y^e^ affirmative

at said meeting the following Sums were Granted to the following Persons vizt

To Oliver Curtis for Timber	1	6	$9^{1}/_{2}$
To Joshua Whitney for Ditto		16	11
To Samuel miller for 100 feet of Plank for Bridges		15	
To Jacob Hemingway for Timber		4	0
To noah Jones for Rum used at y^e^ Building halfway River Bridge		4	$10^{1}/_{4}$
To Francis Harrington for a Pole Tax Rated to y^e^ Widdow Phebe Bancroft tho mistake		12	2
To Capt Palmer Goulding one year Ringing y^e^ Bell	1	4	0
To John Waters for one years Sweeping y^e^ meeting House & Taking Care of said House Ending In may next	3	0	0
	7	2	$8^{3}/_{4}$

voted that y^e^ mony Granted at y^e^ annual meeting In march Last and In may Last and also on y^e^ 27 of november Last Excepting y^e^ Sums Granted to Oliver Curtis & Joshua Whitney and the mony Granted this Day making In y^e^ whole y^e^ Sum of £268 : 6/ $11^{1}/_{4}$ be Levyed and assessed on y^e^ Poles & Estates In Said Town In one Tax y^e^ Currant Year one half of Said Sum to be paid Into y^e^ Town Treasury by y^e^ first Day of February next & y^e^ other half by y^e^ first Day of march next

the aforegoing Votes passed at Said meeting
att John Chandler moderator

Entered from ye original & Compared there with
att Clark Chandler T Clerk

at a Town meeting held at ye meeting House In Worcester on monday the fourth Day of march a D 1771 after Legal Warning for ye Choice of Town Officers and to transact other matters agreeable to ye Several articles Contained In ye Warrant

at Said meeting John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator
att Clark Chandler T Clerk

John Chandler Esq Tim^o^ Paine Esq Joshua Biglo Capt Benj^a^. Flagg Capt Palmer Goulding Selectmen & assessers

Clark Chandler Town Clerk

John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer

David Bancroft Samuel m^c^Crakin Wardens

Samuel Bridge William Gates Constables

Jonas Hubbard Collecter of Taxes

Samuel m^c^Craken Sealer of Tanned & Curryed Leather

Capt Tyrus Rice Clerk of ye market

Samuel Brooks Surveyer of Shingles boards hoops & Staves

David Biglo Ju^r^ John Curtis Jonas Hubbard Jonathan Stone Wm m^c^han Comfort Rice noah Harris John moore James Goodwin Jonathan Rice Capt Elisha Smith Surveyers of Highways & Collecters of Highway Taxes

Daniel Biglo Timothy Biglo fence Viewers

Daniel Biglo Joshua Whitney Tythingmen

Benjamin Stowell Daniel Boyden Deer Reeves

Samuel Whitney James Elder Luke Brown Ju^r^ William Taylor Josiah Peirce Lemuel Rice Hog Reeves

Joshua Whitney Josiah Flagg field Drivers

a Register of Deeds & Conveyances & a County Treasurer voted for

on the third article voted that the Sum of Six pound be and hereby is Granted unto Jonas Hubbard for Collecting ye Taxes the Currant Year voted that he Give Security with Sufficient Bondsmen to ye Town Treasurer to pay ye mony that Shall be Granted ye Currant Year & Comitted to him to Collect as also the Province

Tax that Shall be Laid on Said Town ye Currant Year and pay the Same to ye Respective Treasurers agreeable to ye Directions in ye Warrants for Collecting ye Same

on ye fifth article voted that the Honble Timothy Paine Esq Capt John Curtis and nathan Perry be a Comittee to Settle accounts with ye Town Treasurer

on ye forth article voted that ye Sum of Seventy Six pound Sixteen Shillings be Levyed and assessed on ye Poles & Estates in Said Town ye Currant Year for ye Support of Schools that ye School Interest mony be Likewise applyed for Schooling that Six pound part of Said Sum be & hereby is Granted to the Proprietors of ye Gramer School ye Currant Year Said Proprietors having Ingaged that Said Gramer School Shall be free for Learning ye Languages be admitted by Said Proprietors to have ye Same Priviledges & upon ye Same Terms in Said School as ye Children of Said Proprietors that the Honble Timothy Paine Esq David Biglo William Young James Goodwin Joshua Whitney Daniel Boyden Joseph Clark Jur and Samuel Brooks be a Comittee for Supplying ye Town with Schooling Said School to be Kept in ye Several Parts of ye Town In Such Season of ye Year as Shall be agreed upon by ye major Part of the Quarter that ye aforesaid Sum of Seventy Six pound Sixteen Shillings With ye Interest aforesaid be paid to Said Comittee In the following Proportion vizt

the Honble Timo Paine Esq	£15 0 0	Joshua Whitney	8 3 0
David Biglo	9 8 0	Daniel Boyden	8 8 0
William Young	10 10 0	Joseph Clark Jur	8 5 0
James Goodwin	7 11 0	Samll Brooks	7 11 0
			£74 16

That Said Comittee Each act for his Respective Division and that Each of Said Comittee notifye their Resgective Quarter or part of ye Town and take their Direction with Regard to ye Keeping of ye School and what time ye School Shall begin ye master to be approved of by ye Selectmen agreeable to Law

voted that forty Shillings now Remaining In ye Treasury for Schooling ye Two Last Years be also Divided and paid agreeable to ye above Proportion & Laid out In Schooling

on ye Sixth article voted that ye Sum of two Hundred and fifty Pound be Granted Levied and assessed on ye Poles & Estates In Said Town ye Currant Year to be Expended In Building Bridges & Causways mending & Repairing Decayed ones & Putting & Keeping ye Roads In Good Repair ye Currant Year and that ye Same wages be allowed as was ye Last Year and that ye Same be worked out by ye first Day of October next that ye Select men Squadron out to Each Surveyer the Persons that Shall Work under them So that Each Surveyer have a Tax In Proportion to his Labour that Such of the Inhabitants as Worked out more than his Last Years Tax may be allowed for the Same out of ye present years Tax they Producing Proper Certificates and those who have not Worked out their Last Years Tax may have ye Liberty to Work ye Same Provided they do it before ye twenty fifth Day of June next

on the Seventh article ye Select men Reported that ye mony arising by ye Sale of ye ministerial Land was in ye hands of the following Persons vizt

William Young & Robert Henry	116	0	0
David Sanderson John Stowell & Jonathan marble	50		
Ebenezer Richardson David Child & Jonas Ward	40		
Palmer Goulding John Boyden & Cornelius Stowell	35	17	0
noah Jones & Daniel Boyden	20		
Ebenezer Willington and Edward Knight	13	6	
John Boyden and James Nichols	33	6	8
Phinehas Ward John Boyden & abel Heywood	22	15	0
Sam^ll^ Eaton and Ebenezer Flagg	35	16	8
	367	2	1

that they had paid the Interest mony arising by ye above bond to ye first Day of nov^r^ Last to ye Rev^d^ m^r^ maccarty and Taken his Receipt In full—Therefore voted that the Select men be Discharged of said Interest

on the Eighth article ye Question was Put whither the Swine Should go at Large ye Currant Year they being Yoaked and Ringed according to Law and it Passed In the affirmative

the ninth and tenth articles[1] Referred to ye adjournment of ye meeting

on the Eleventh article voted that noah Jones Taxes for ye year 1770 be abated being £2 16/ 4 and that the Treasurer allow ye Same to m^r^ Jonas Hubbard Collecter In his Settlement with him

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the twentyeth Day of may next three oClock afternoon to be held at this Place

ye aforegoing Votes passed at Said meeting
att John Chandler moderator

Entered from ye original & Compared there with
℔ Clark Chandler Town Clerk

Rec^d^ of John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer of Worcester Seventy three pound nine Shillings & Sixpence In part of my Present Years Sallery april 26 : 1771 Thaddeus Maccarty

Received of John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer of Worcester twenty Six pound ten Shillings & Sixpence In full for my Sallery Ending In June 1771 Including ye above Receipt
Thaddeus Maccarty

Received of John Chandler Esq one of ye Select men of Worcester twenty two pound & Sixpence Lawful mony In full for ye Interest mony Due to me to the first Day of november 1771
Worcester Feb 26 : 1772 Thaddeus Maccarty

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Perambulation of Worcester & Shrewsbury April 30 : 1771
Began at a Black oak tree at the West Corner of the upper End of the Long Pond so Call^d^ thence to a heap of Stones in the fence

[1] Relating to accepting a road and building a work house.

betwixt Capt Jenisons Feild & Capt Curtis's feild Leading Northward to the County Road from thence to a Dead Walnut Stump $\frac{e}{y}$ Nor-East Corner of Capt Jenisons rye feild from thence to a maple tree in m^{r} Phin Heywoods Entervail from thence to a heap of Stones a Little Nor-west of Jon^{a} Lovels Dwelling House from thence to a heap of Stones nor-westerly of a Little Bridge Crossing a Little Brook in the Road Leading to Jonas Wards thence to a Walnut tree in the fence Betwixt Land of Leuit Josiah Peirce & Phinehas Heywood from thence to a heap of Stones $\frac{e}{y}$ nor-Easterly Corner of Leiut Josiah Peirces Land thence to a Pine tree Betwixt Land of the Wid^{o} Hancock & David Child from thence to a Yong Swamp oak being the Nor- of Worcester East Corner & South East Corner of Holden which marks we have Renewed this Day

Josiah Peirce, Samuel mower, Sam Brooks, Worcester Comittee

Zeb Johnson Edward Flint Shrewsbury Comittee

April 30 : 1771 These may Certify that we the Subscribers Palmer Goulding & Jonathan Stone by ye Select men of Worcester to Perambulate the Lines between Worcester & Leicester & Thos. Denny Wm Henshaw & Nathan Sargant Select men of Leicester met this Day at a heap of Stones on the Root of a Hemlock tree blown down in a Swamp being the Southeast Corner of Leicester & Perambulated the Line between Worcester & Leicester to a heap of Stones at the Corner of m^{r} Isaac moors Land being the Northwest Corner of Worcester

Palmer Goulding, Jonathan Stone

Thomas Denny, Wm Henshaw, Nathan Sargeant

We the Subscribers Pursuant to the trust Reposed in us met at time & Place appointed began at the Southwest Corner of Holden and the Northwest Corner of Worcester & Renewed S^{d} Corner & Continued to Preambulate & Renew bounds to the Southeast Corner of Holden & the Northeast Corner of Worcester

April 31 : 1771

John Child. David Fisk, Benj^{a} mead Select men of Holden

We the Subscribers Select men of Sutton have mett the Committee appointed by the Select men of Worcester att oxford Line & have Renewed the bounds on S[d] Line to the Corner at Appletons farm April 30th 1771
Edward Putnam Samuel Trask Caleb Chase Select men of Sutton
[Line trimmed off.]

Worcester may 20 : 1771 att a Town meeting Regularly warned & held by the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town Qualifyed to Vote in Town affairs and for the Choice of Representative

On the first Artikle m[r] Joshua Bigelow was Chosen to Represent Said Town in the General assembly the Currant Year

2[d] Artikle John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator
Attst Clark Chandler Town Clerk

3[d] Artikle voted that the following Sums be Granted to the following Persons (viz)

To Jacob Hemenway for his account	£6 10
To Thomas Baird for do	1
To Joseph Blaire for a wild Cat	10
To John Waters for taking Care of the meeting House the Ensuing year	3 0 0
To Capt Palmer Goulding for Ringing the Bell	1 10 0
To Benja Stowel for a Stamp [?]	5
4th Artikle Voted to the Revd mr maccarty Commencing in June Next	100 0 0
	£112 9

5th Artikle Voted that the Select men make Sale of Such of the Powder in the Powder House in Said Town as is upon the Decay and the money arising by Said Sale be applyed for the Purchasing Good Powder to be Placed in the Room of that they Shall Sell

Voted at Said meeting that the Select men Provide a Cushing for the Pulpit

Allso Voted that the Select men waite on the Revd m^r maccarty and Inform him the Town Desires that the Intermission on the Lords Day (viz) in the Summer Season one Hour and a Half and in the Winter Season one Hour

The aforegoing Votes passed at Said meeting

Attst John Chandler moderator

Entred from the Originall ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

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att a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the twenty eighth Day of may A D 1771 by Adjournment from the fourth Day of march Last

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the third monday in October Next one oClock afternoon to be held at this Place

attest John Chandler moderater

Entered from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Worcester October 29 : 1771 at a Town meeting Regulerly Warned and held by ye freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town Qualifyed to vote In Town affairs at ye Publick meeting House In Said Town

John Chandler Esq was chosen moderator

att^s Clark Chandler T Cler

on ye Second article the following Sums were Granted vizt

To Joshua Biglow for 244 feet Plank & Carting	1	4	8
To Jonathan Stone for 600 feet Ditto	2	8	0
To Capt Daniel Ward for 10 Plank		6	4
To ye Select men to Enable them to pay for a Cushin & Curtin for ye Pulpit	6	16	0
To John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer to Enable him to pay ye County Tax	22	6	3
To ye Select men to Enable them to pay for Timber for Bridges ye year Past to be accountable	9	19	4
To ye Select men to Enable them to Support ye Poore they to be accountable	20	16	

To Jonas Hubbard for John [?] Rates	9 10	
Phillip Dooland Ditto	9 10	
Valentine Harris Do	12 4	1 12 0
To ye Town Treasurer John Chandler Esq		
for andrew Boyds Taxes	13 2	
for Daniel Tatman	9 10	1 3
		£66 11

voted that Jonathan Stone noah Jones and David moore be a Comittee to view ye Timber used over half way River Bridge and ye Bridge by mr Trowbridges and Report to ye Select men their opinion of ye value thereof and that their Report be a Rule to the Select men In paying for ye Same

on ye fourth article the Inhabitants Did not Bring in any List or Lists of their Ratable Estate

on ye fifth article voted that ye Sum of £85 12 4 Granted in march Last and ye Sum of 112 9 0 Granted In may Last as also ye Sum of 66 11 7 Granted at this meeting making In ye whole ye Sum of two Hundred Sixty four pound twelve Shillings & Eleven pence be Levied and assessed on ye Poles & Estates in Said Town In one Tax ye Currant Year one half of Said Sum to be paid Into ye Town Treasury by ye first Day of February next and ye other half by ye first Day of march next

on ye Sixth article ye Question was Put whither ye Town would Petition of one half of ye three Hind Seats on ye womans Side of the front Gallery for ye men to Set in and it Passed in ye Negative

on ye Seventh article voted that Josiah Peirce Edmund Heard & David Biglo Set in ye Elders Seat to assist In Setting the PSalms &c

on ye Eighth article ye Question was Put whither ye Town would Grant a Sum of money Sufficient to pay the Damages (assessed on ye Town) Timothy Biglo ye Heirs of abel Heywood & ye Widdow Hannah Heywood Sustains by Reason of Widening ye Road from ye Stone Bridge by Said Biglos So far South as Said Widdows Lands Extends & it Passed In ye Negative

the aforegoing Votes passed at Said meeting
att John Chandler moderator

Entered from ye original & Compared there with
℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Rec^{d} of John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer of Worcester Seven pound Seven Shillings & five pence farthing In part of my Present Years Sallrey Feb 26 : 1772 Thaddeus Maccarty

Received of John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer of Worcester fifty two pound twelve Shillings & Sixpence three farthings Lawful mony In part of my Present Years Sallery
Worcester march 17 : 1772 Thaddeus Maccarty

Received of John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer of Worcester forty Pound Lawful mony which with ye two above Receipts Is in full for my Present Years Sallery Ending In June next
may 14 : 1772 Thaddeus Maccarty

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at a Town meeting held at the meeting House In Worcester on monday the Second Day of march a D 1772 after Legal Warning for ye Choice of Town officers and to Transact other matters agreeable to ye Several articles Contained in ye Warrant

at Said meeting John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator
att Clark Chandler T Cler

John Chandler Esq Tim^{o} Paine Esq mr Joshua Biglo Capt Benj^{a} Flagg m^{r} Jon^{a} Stone Select men & assessers

Clark Chandler Town Cler

John Chandler Town Treasurer

William Young Richard Pratt Wardens

Joshua Whitney Sam^{ll} Brown Constables

Jonathan Rice Collecter of Taxes

Sam^{ll} m^{c}Crakin Sealer of Tanned & Curryed Leather

William Swan Clerk of ye market

David Biglow Surveyer of Shingles boards hoops & Staves

Daniel Biglo Ju^{r} Capt John Curtis Simon Gates Joseph Clark Ju^{r} Jacob Stevens Josiah Peirce Capt Sam^{ll} moore Francis Harrington Benj^{a} Stowell abraham Smith Timothy Paine Esq Surveyers of Highways & Collecters of Highway Taxes

Sam[ll] moore Jacob Holmes Jr Fence Viewers

Daniel Biglo Jur Jonathan Gates Tythingmen

Ephraim Smith Elijah Harrington Deer Reeves

William Gates Jacob Holmes Jr Field Drivers

Simeon dunkin James Quigley William Bancroft Samuel Whitney Luke Brown Ju[r] Cyprian Stevens Hog Reeves

a County Treasurer was voted for

on y[e] third article voted that y[e] Sum of five pounds be and is hereby Granted unto Jonathan Rice for Collecting y[e] Taxes y[e] Currant Year—voted that he Give Security with Sufficient Bondsmen to y[e] Town Treasurer to pay y[e] mony that Shall be Granted y[e] Currant Year and Comitted to him to Collect as also y[e] Province Tax that Shall be Laid on Said Town y[e] Currant Year and pay y[e] Same to y[e] Respective Treasurers agreeable to y[e] Direction In y[e] Warrant for Collecting y[e] Same

on y[e] fourth article voted that the Sum of one Hundred Pound be and hereby is Granted for y[e] Support of Schools y[e] Currant Year that the Hon[ble] Tim[o] Paine Esq Capt Elisha Smith William Young Capt Benj[a] Flagg Benj[a] Stowell David Bancroft Jonathan Stone and Capt John Curtis be a Comittee to Consider of the most advantageous way & manner for Laying y[e] Same out In Schooling So that Justice be Done to Each part of the Town and to make Report at y[e] adjournment of this meeting

on y[e] fifth article voted that y[e] Hon[ble] Tim[o] Paine Esq Capt John Curtis & mr nathan Perry be a Comittee to Settle accounts with the Town Treasurer

on y[e] Sixth article voted that y[e] Sum of two Hundred Pounds be Granted Levied and assessed on y[e] Poles & Estates In Said Town y[e] Currant Year to be Expended In Building Bridges and Causways mending & Repairing Decayed ones & Putting & Keeping y[e] Roads In Good Repair y[e] Currant Year and that y[e] Same Wages be allowed as was y[e] Last Year and that the Same be Worked out by y[e] first Day of october next that the Select men Squadron out to Each Surveyor the Persons that Shall Work under them So that Each Surveyor have a Tax In Proportion to his Labour

that Such of the Inhabitants as Worked out more than His Last Years Tax be allowed for ye Same out of ye Present Years Tax they Producing Proper Certificates and those who have not Worked out their Last Years Tax may have Liberty to Work ye Same Provided they do it before ye twenty fifth Day of June next

on ye Seventh article ye Select men Reported that the mony arising by ye Sale of ye ministerial Land Is in ye hands of the following Persons vizt

William Young & Robert Henry	116	0	0
David Sanderson John Stowell & Jon^a^ marble	50		
John Childs Jr Isaac Smith & Jonas Ward	40		
Palmer Goulding John Boyden & Cornelius Stowell	35	17	10
noah Jones & Daniel Boyden	20		
Ebenezer Willington & Edward Knight	13	6	8
John Boyden & James Nichols	33	6	8
Phinehas Ward John Boyden & abel Heywood	22	15	0
Thos Eaton & Ezekiel How	35	16	8
	£367	2	10

That they had paid ye Interest mony arising by ye above bonds to ye first Day of november Last to ye Rev^d^ m^r^ maccarty and taken his Rect In full—Therefore voted that Said Select men be Discharged of Said Interest

on ye Eighth article ye Question was Put Whither ye Swine Should go at Large ye Currant year they being Yoaked & Ringed according to Law & it passed In ye affimative

on ye ninth article voted that ye Petition of Silas moor & fourteen others Relative to ye Dividing ye Quarter Called Smith Quarter and that the School therein be Kept In two places be Referred to ye Comittee Chose Relative to Schools & to Report at the adjournment of the meeting

voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday ye Sixteenth Day of march Currant one oClock afternoon to be held at this Place

the aforegoing Votes passed at S^d^ meeting
att John Chandler moderater

Entered from ye original & Compared there with
℔ Clark Chandler Town Clerk

at a Town meeting Held at Worcester on monday the Sixteenth Day of march Currant one oClock afternoon by adjournment from the Second Day of march a D 1772

on the fourth article the Comittee for ye School Reported that forty Pounds of the mony appropriated for Schooling the Year Ensuing be Imployed for Paying & Supporting a Gramer School master that the Remaining Sixty five pounds be Divided In the Several Parts of the Town for the maintaining English Schools vizt

To Tatnick	11 16 6	To Clarks Quarter	9 14 3
To Stowell Quarter	9 15 7	To Curtis Rowe	2 11 0
To Goodwins Quarter	9 15 7	To Smiths Rowe	5 16 0
To Bogachoge	9 15 1	To Peirces Rowe	5 16 0
			£65 0 0

That the Gramer School be Kept the first Six months In the middle of the Town the next three months at Curtis Rowe & the other three months in the middle of the Town that a Comittee be appointed to Procure a Gramer School master for the Keeping Said Gramer School that one Person in Each Part of the Town Where the English Schools are to be Kept be appointed to Provide English School masters Such as the Select men Shall approve off to Keep Said Schools & to be Kept at Such times within the Year as the major Part of the Quarter at a meeting Duly notifyed by Such Comittee man Shall agree upon and Said Comittee Report upon ye Petition of Silas moore &c Comitted to them to Consider that ye Said Quarter In Said Petition be Divided and that ye mony belonging to Said Quarter be Equally Divided as above and that the School be Kept In two Places in Said Quarter vizt In that Part of ye Quarter Called Smiths Rowe as nigh as may be upon ye Road Leading to Holdin half way between ye House of Josiah Harrington Junr and the House now owned by Stevens of marlborough and in Peirces Rowe as nigh as may be upon ye Road over Burnt Coat Plain halfway between Samuel moore and Josiah Flaggs at both which places ye Said Rows by their agents have Signified to ye Comittee they Propose to Build School Houses

Read & accepted and voted that ye Honble Timothy Paine Esq and m^r^ Sam^ll^ Bridge be a Comittee to Provide a Gramer School master agreeable to Said Report also voted that mess micah Johnson Benjamin Stowell Thomas Wheeler David Bancroft Jonathan Stone John Curtis Elisha Smith and David Biglow be a Comittee for English Schools each to act for his Respective Division agreeable to ye Report of ye Comittee for Schools

voted that Cornelius Stowell } Surveyers of Highways &
Joshua Whitney } Collecters of Highway Taxes

The aforegoing Votes Passed at Said meeting
att John Chandler moderator

Entered from ye original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Worcester march 16 : 1772 at a Town meeting Legally Warned & held by ye freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualifyed to vote In Town affairs one of ye Clock afternoon

John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator
att Clark Chandler T Clerk

on ye Second article voted that ye Sum of fifty Pounds be and hereby is Granted for ye Building a Work House in Said Town also voted that Tim^o^ Paine Esq James Goodwin Benj^a^ Flagg John Chandler Esq and Thos Wheeler be a Comittee to Cause Said House to be Built that ye Same be Built not Exceeding forty foot by Eighteen & Set on ye Towns Land between ye malt House of Capt Goulding and Holmes Bridge as near as may be to ye Brook that ye Comittee Procure Said Work to be Done In ye Chepest manner and Lay their account before ye Town that they Draw on ye Town Treasurer for ye above Sum or So much thereof as they Shall [ ] Expend In Said Building

on ye third article ye Select men Laid before ye Town a List of Persons Liable by Law & which they Judge able & Qualifyed to Serve out Petit Jurors out of which ye Town Selected one Quarter part to Serve as Jurors at ye Superior Court of Judicature Court of assise and General Goal Delivery Namely

Daniel Biglow Jur	Palmer Goulding	Samuel miller
Daniel Boyden	James Goodwin	nathan Perry
John Boyden	Jacob Hemingway	Josiah Peirce
David Bancroft	Ezekiel How	Cornelius Stowell
Timothy Biglow	noah Jones	Jonathan Stone
David Biglow	micah Johnson	Elisha Smith
Samuel Brooks	Israel Jenison	Thomas Wheeler
Jacob Chamberlin	natll moore	William Young
Benja Flagg	asa moore	Samuel Curtis

and ye Remainder of Said List to Serve as Jurors at ye Infeirour Court of Comon Pleas and Court of General Sessions of ye Peace Namely

nathan Patch	James Barber	Thomas Drury
Thomas Beard	Joseph Barber	andrew Duncan
Samuel Bridge	nathll Brooks	William Campbell
Thaddeus Biglo	John Barnard	Thomas Eaton
Samuel Brown	David Chaddick	John Fisk
James Brown	Joseph Clark Jur	Jonathan Fisk
Luke Brown Jur	Oliver Curtis	Josiah Flagg
Joseph Blair	John Chamberlin	William Gates
		John Gates

Jonathan Gates Isaac Gleeson Robert Gray Simon Gates Jacob Holmes Jur Eleazer Holbrook Jur Jonas Hubbard Daniel Harris noah Harris Edmund Heard Solomon Johnson Jur Peter Johnson Jonathan Knight John Kelso Ebenezer Lovell Jonathan Lovell William mehan Silas moore John mower William mcfarland John moore Samuel mcCrakin Ephraim miller James moore James Nichols Thomas Nichols Richard Pratt Jonathan Rice Comfort Rice David Richardson Lemuel Rice Benjamin Stowell Robert Smith John Smith Hatter Stephen Salsbury David Thomas Benjamin Tainter Isaac Willard Ebenezer Wiswell Joshua Whitney amos Wheeler Ebenezer Willington Joseph Wiley Ebenezer White Samuel Woodburn Josiah Harrington Jur Samuel moore Jacob Stevens Thomas Beard Jur John Barber Benja Chapin Robert Crawford Thos Grout Joseph Hastings asa Ward

and voted that they be Put Into Seperate Boxes according to Law

ye aforegoing Votes passed at S^d^ meeting
att: John Chandler moderater

Entered from ye original & Compared there with
Clark Chandler T Clerk

Worcester march 16 : 1772

at a Town meeting Legally Warned & held by ye freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualifyed to vote In Town affairs two oClock afternoon

John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator

att Clark Chandler Town Cler

on ye Second article ye Question was put whither ye Town w : d take upon them ye Defence of an action of Trespass Comenced by Ebenezer Bradish of Said Worcester to be heard & Tryed at ye Infeirour Court of Comon Pleas to be holden at Worcester for ye County of Worcester on ye Last Tuesday of march Last against John Chandler Esq Tim^o^ Paine Esq Joshua Biglo Benj^a^ Flagg and Palmer Goulding assessers of Worcester for ye year 1771 & Jonas Hubbard Collecter of Taxes for Said Year for ye Damage Said Bradish Sustained by means of his being Taxed & thereby Compelled to pay thirteen Shillings to Repair his Liberty and it Passed Unanimously in ye affirmative

voted that mess David Bancroft Jonathan Stone & Jacob Chamberlin be a Comittee at ye Charge of ye Town for Defending Said Suit & Pursue ye Same to final Judgment that they Draw on ye Town Treasnrer for So much mony as they Shall Expend In ye Defence of Said Suit & finally Securing ye aforenamed John Chandler Tim^o^ Paine Joshua Biglo Benj^a^ Flagg Palmer Goulding & Jonas Hubbard from all Cost Harm or Damage by Reason or means of ye Suit aforesaid

The aforegoing Votes passed at S^d^ meeting

att John Chandler moderator

Entered from ye original & Compared there with

℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Worcester may 18 : 1772 at a Town meeting Regulerly Warned and Held by ye freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town Qualifyed to vote in Town affairs & for a Representative

on ye first article m^r^ Joshua Biglo was Chosen to Represent Said Town In ye General assembly ye Currant Year

on ye Second article John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator att Clark Chandler Town Clerk

on ye third article ye following Sums was Granted to ye following Persons vizt

To Palmer Goulding full of his account	2	11	4
To Jacob Hemingway for a Coffin for Widdow morss		7	0
To Elisha Smith for his for Elisha Taxes for ye year 1771		10	0
to Collecter Hubbard for Benja Crosbys Taxes for ye year 1770		9	10
To John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer ye Sum out Standing Due from Collecter Biglo being Isaac millers Taxes	1	14	1¾
on ye fourth article To ye Revd mr Thaddeus maccarty for one years Sallery Comencing in June next	100		
	105	12	7¾

on ye fifth article ye Hon^b^^le^ Tim^o^ Paine Esq and Nathan Perry two of the Comittee appointed in march Last to Examine ye Town Treasurers accounts made Report Read & accepted by which it appears he has paid according to order ye Sum of 574 12 8⅜
that he has Received ye Sum of 560 11 11¾

that he is in advance ye Sum of 14 0 8¾
that there is Still out Standing In Joshua Biglo Hands a former Collecter 1 14 1⅝
In Collecter Hubbards Hands 11 7 10¼ £13 2 0

and that ye Treasurer be Discharged of five Hundred Sixty Pounds Eleven Shillings & Eleven pence three farthings and that the Ballance out Standing be applyed towards Repaying him ye mony he is in advance that ye Ballance of 18/ 8¾ be Repaid him which Sum he is in advance after ye whole of ye Taxes are paid

voted that ye Sum of 34/ 1⅝ uncollected In ye Hands of Joshua Biglo be [ ] and that Said Sum be Granted to the Treasurer John Chandler Esq

On ye Sixth article Relative to a Proper Place to Erect ye Work House voted that ye Comittee for Building ye Same Give Such Directions Relative thereto as they Shall Judge most Convenient

on ye Seventh article voted that ye Honble Tim^o^ Paine Esq Joshua Biglo & Jacob Chamberlin be a Comittee to Draw up an answer to ye Petition of Gershom Rice & other Inhabitants of Worcester Sutton Leicester & oxford Should not be Set of Into a Seperate District and make Report at the adjournment of this meeting

voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday ye 25 Day of may Instant three oClock afternoon

att John Chandler moderator

Entered from ye original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Worcester may 25 : 1772 at a Town meeting held by adjournment from ye Eighteenth Instant met & ye Comittee appointed to Draw up Reasons Why Gershom Rice and other Inhabitants of Worcester Sutton oxford & Leicester Should not be Set off into a District made Report as on file Read & accepted & voted that mr Joshua Biglo our Representative Present ye Same to ye Great & Gen^ll^ Court & use his Indeavour Said Petition be Dismissed

att John Chandler moderator

Entered from ye original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Worcester ss Worcester August 28th 1772 Att a meeting of the Select men of Worcester in the County of Worcester Samuel Brown one of the Constables of Said Town be present at Said meeting the Said Select men and Constable made Choice of William Swan a Sealer of Weights & measures in Said Town

Entered from the original ℔ Clark Chandler Town Clerk

John Chandler
Tim^o^ Paine
Joshua Bigelow
Benj^a^ Flag
Jonathan Stone
} Selectmen of Worcester

Samuel Brown Constable

Worcester nov 2d 1772 at a Town meeting Regularly Warned and held by the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town Qualifyed to vote In Town affairs

John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator

att Clark Chandler T Cler

on ye Second article ye following Sums was Granted vizt

To Clark Chandler full of his account			18	3½
To micah Johnson for 450 feet Plank		1	16	0
To Jonathan Stone for 245 feet Plank			19	6
To Simon Gates for five Sticks Timber			10	8
To Collecter Hubbard				
for Tarrant Putnams Province Tax	9 6⅝			
Do Town Tax	15 8¾			
John mcqaire Town Tax	6 4			
Patrick Fleming Province & Town Tax	10 4	2	1	11⅜
To ye Select men for ye Support of ye Poor they to be accountable		20	0	0
To John Chandler Town Treasurer to Enable him to pay the County Tax		19	3	9
voted that ye Sum of five pounds be Granted to ye Select [men] to Enable them to pay for a Standard for ye Town the Sum heretofore Granted for that Purpose being appropriated for another use by ye Town		5	0	0
voted that ye Sum of five pounds be Granted to ye Select men for Contingencies to be accountable		5	0	0
on ye third article ye Comittee appointed to build an House for ye use of ye Town Report that after Procuring many Calculations of ye Cost of ye House they Let ye Same out to build & finish to Capt Palmer Goulding for ye Sum of Sixty Pounds being ye Least Sum any one would undertake to do it for that the Town voted for that Purchase only fifty Pounds your Comittee Therefore Desire ye Town to vote ye further Sum of ten pounds to Compleat their Contract with Said Goulding as ℔ ye Report on file appears Therefore voted that ye Sum of ten Pounds be Granted to Said Comittee for Said Purpose		10	0	0
		£65	10	1⅞

on ye fourth article Such of ye Inhabitants as were Present Gave in Lists of their Poles & Estate

on ye fifth article voted that Benja Crosby have Leave to build a House for himself to Live on ye School Land at Wigwam Hill

So Called and to Improve one acre of Land there under the Direction of ye Select men and During ye Pleasure of ye Town

voted that Tyrus Rice Jacob Hemingway and micah Johnson be a Comittee to Estimate ye value of ye Timber found by Jonas Hubbard for ye Bridge by James Trowbridge and Report to the Select men the value thereof and that to be ye Rule for ye Select men for Paying for ye Same

on ye Sixth article voted that ye Sum of 105 0 0 Granted at ye annual meeting In march Last & ye Sum of 50[l] Granted ye 16 march Last and ye Sum of £108 5/ 5¼ Granted at ye meeting in may Last and ye Sum of 65 10/ 1⅞ Granted at this meeting making in ye whole ye Sum of £328 15 10 be Levyed & assessed on ye Poles & Estate in Said Town in one Tax ye Currant Year one half of Said Sum to be paid Into the Town Treasury by ye first of Day of February next & ye other half by the first Day of march next

the Seventh article[1] Refered to ye next meeting

ye aforegoing Votes passed at S^d^ meeting
att John Chandler moderator

Entred from ye Original & Compared therewith
℔ Clark Chandler Town Clerk

Rec^d^ of John Chandler Esq one of ye Select men of Worcester Seventeen pound one Shilling & Sixpence half penny In part of the Interest mony arising by ye Sale of ye Publick Land Due nov 1 : 1772 Dec 19 : 1772 Thaddeus maccarty

Recd of John Chandler Esq one of the Select men of Worcester four pound Eighteen Shillings & Eleven pence half penny with ye above Rect is in full for ye Interest mony arising by ye Sale of ye Publick Land Due nov 1 : 1772
march 1 : 1773 Thaddeus maccarty

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[1] In relation to building a pest house.

at a Town meeting held at ye meeting House in Worcester on monday ye first Day of march a D 1773 after Legal Warning for ye Choice of Town officers and to Transact other matters agreeable To ye Several articles Contained In ye Warrant

at Said meeting John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator

att^s^ Clark Chandler Town Cler

John Chandler Esq Timothy Paine Esq m^r^ Joshua Biglo Capt Benj^a^ Flagg Leiut Thos Wheeler Select men and assessors

Clark Chandler Town Clerk

John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer

Jonas Hubbard Daniel Biglo Ju^r^ Wardens

Benj^a^ Stowel Jonas Hubbard Constables

Jonathan Rice Collecter of Taxes

Samuel m^c^Crakin Sealer of Tanned & Curryed Leather

William Swan Rufus Chandler Stephen Salsbury Clerks of ye market

David Biglo Phinehas Ward Surveyers of Shingles boards hoops & Staves

Jabez Tatman Capt John Curtis John Bearnard Thos Beard Ju^r^ Comfort Rice Samuel moore John Gates William Gates nath^ll^ moore Jacob Chamberlin Timothy Paine Esq abraham Smith Joshua Whitney Surveyers of Highways and Collecter of Highway Taxes

moses miller Sam^ll^ Whitney Fence Viewers

Samuel Whitney David Thomas Sam^ll^ Brooks Tything men

Ephraim Smith Elijah Harrington William Gates Joshua Whitney feild Drivers

Simeon Duncan Daniel Harris Deer Reeves

Ephraim Curtis Wm Taylor John Elder Hog Reives

a County Treasurer was voted for

on ye third article voted that the Sum of five pound nineteen Shillings be & hereby is Granted unto Jonathan Rice for Collecting the Taxes the Currant Year voted that he Give bond with Sufficient bondsmen to ye Town Treasurer to pay ye mony that Shall

be Granted and assest ye Currant Year and Comitted to him to Collect as also ye Province Tax that Shall be Laid on Said Town the Currant Year and pay ye Same to ye Respective Treasurers agreeable to ye Direction In ye Warrant for Collecting ye Same

on ye fourth article voted that ye Sum of one Hundred Pounds be & hereby is Granted for ye Support of Schools ye Currant Year which with ye School Interest mony being five pound be applyed for ye Support of Schools in ye Same way & manner as was voted ye Last Year In all Respects also voted that ye Honble Tim^o^ Paine Esq Provide the Gramer School master also voted that micah Johnson Benj^a^ Stowell Thos Wheeler David Bancroft Jonathan Stone Sam^ll^ Brooks Levi Houghton and Josiah Flagg be a Comittee for English Schools Each to act for his Respective Division agreeable to ye vote aforesaid

on ye fifth article voted that ye Honble Tim^o^ Paine Esq Capt John Curtis & Deacon Jacob Chamberlin be a Comittee to Settle accounts with ye Town Treasurer

on ye Sixth article voted that ye Sum of two hundred and twenty pounds be Granted Levied & assessed on ye Poles & Estates in Said Town the Currant Year to be Expended in Building Bridges and Causways mending & Repairing Decayed ones & Putting & Keeping ye Roads In Good Repair ye Currant Year and that ye Same wages be allowed as was ye Last Year and that ye Same be worked out by ye first Day of october next and that ye Select men Squadron out to Each Surveyer ye Persons that Shall work under them So that Each Surveyer have a Tax in Proportion to his Labour that Such of ye Inhabitants as Worked out more than his Last Years Tax be allowed for ye Same out of ye Present Years Tax they Producing Proper Certificates and those who have not worked out their Last Years Tax may have Liberty to Work ye Same Provided they do it by ye twenty fifth Day of June next

on ye Seventh article ye Select men Reported that ye mony arising by ye Sale of ye ministerial Land is in ye Hands of the following Persons vizt

William Young & Robert Henry	116	0	0
David Sanderson John Stowell & Jonathan marble	50		
John Childs Ju[r] Isaac Smith & Jonas Ward	40		
Palmer Goulding John Boyden and Cornelius Stowell	35	17	10
noah Jones & Daniel Boyden	20		
Ebenezer Willington & Edward Knight	13	6	8
John Boyden & James Nichols	33	6	8
Phinehas Ward John Boyden & abel Heywood	29	15	0
Tho[s] Eaton & Ezekiel How	35	16	8
	367	2	10

that they had paid y[e] Interest mony arising by y[e] above bonds to y[e] Rev[d] m[r] maccarty & taken his Rect In full Therefore voted that Said Select men be Discharged of Said Interest

on y[e] Eighth article y[e] Question was Put Whither y[e] Swine Should go at Large they being Yoaked & Ringed according to Law and it Passed In y[e] affirmative

on y[e] ninth article voted that y[e] Select men be a Comittee to wait on y[e] Comittee appointed by y[e] Gen[ll] Court to view y[e] South part of the Town who have prayed to be Set of Into a District and to Show them y[e] Scituation of y[e] Town that So they may be able to Report the Unreasonableness of Said Petition

the Tenth article[1] Dismist

on y[e] Eleventh article y[e] Question was Put whither y[e] Town would Give order that any part of y[e] Womens Gallery Should be appropriated for y[e] men to Sit in and it Passed In y[e] Negative

on y[e] twelfth article y[e] Petition of Othniel Taylor and forty others was Read & y[e] Question Put whither y[e] Pamphlett Drawn up by y[e] Town of Boston Containing y[e] Greivances this Province Labour under Should be Recd and after Some Debate thereon it Passed In y[e]

[1] Tenth article: "To Receive y[e] Report of a Comittee appointed .... to Estimate y[e] value of y[e] Timber found by Jonas Hubbard for Trowbridges Bridge"

affirmative and voted that mess William Young Samuel Curtis Stephen Salsbury Timothy Biglo & David Bancroft be a Comittee to take ye Same into Consideration

voted that this meeting be adjourned to next may meeting

Entered from the original & Compared there with
℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Worcester ss may 18 : 1773 at a Town meeting Legally Warned & Held by the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town Qualified to vote in Town affairs and for a Representative

on the first Artikle m^r^ Joshua Bigelow was Chosen to Represent Said Town in the Generall assembly the Currant Year

on the Second artikle the Honble Timothy Paine Esq was Chosen moderator Atst Clark Chandler Town Clerk

on the third Artikle the following Sums was Granted to the following Persons (viz)

Ebenezar Wiswall mending the meeting House Windows				0	3 0
To Palmer Goulding for a pair Shoes for Benony Grout		5 1			
for work at the Towns House		19 8			
Ringing the Bell one Year	1 4		£2	8	9
To the Select men for Support of the poor they to be accountable			20		
To John Waters one year taking care of the meeting House			3		
To Joshua Whitney Carrying two poor persons to Shrewsbury				10	
To Collector Rice for one of John Smiths Poles				10	8
To Jonas Hubbard James Rices Pole Tax				10	4
To Wm Johnson for Staples Hooks & Key for the meeting House				9	
on the fourth artikle to the Revd mr maccarty Sallery Comincing in June next			100		
			127	1	4

on the fifth Artikle the Committee appointed in march Last to Consider the Rights of the Collonys & of this Province in particular Reported as follows (viz)

It is our opinion that mankind are by Nature free, and the End and Designe of forming Social compacts, and entering into civil Society, was that each member of that Society, might enjoy his liberty and property, and live in the free exercise of his Rights, both civil and Religious, which God and Nature gave ; except such as are *expresly* given up by compact. this we apprehend to be the Scope of that noble System of Government, the English Constitution, The Great Wisdom in giving so just a ballance of Power, through all its parts, very justly excites admiration : and when we apprehend a Designe to overthrow the Same in one part by any person or persons, (by Distroying Dependance of one of the Community, on the other, and Substituting, in its room, a crafty, or political Dependance, the former being as much Superior to the latter, as the wisdom of God, is Superior to the Crafty Designes of wicked corrupt plunderers of mankind) it is our duty, to exert ourselves against it to the utmost of our power for by Nature, and the Charter of this Province, we are intitled to all the Rights, and privelages, of the above Constitutions, as though we were born within the Realm of England : and it is our opi[ni]on that those Rights & Priviledges, have been unjustly infringed upon, and therefore Calls for our imediate attention : it ought to render the Charter more Sacred, when we figure to ourselves, the amazing enterprize of leaving feilds, and gardens, and emigrate into a hedious wilderness, 3000 miles Distant, this was the Case of our worthy ancestors who Removed into this Remote Region, "with no other view then to enjoy liberty of Conscience, without hazard to themselves, or offence to others, they were not Criminals, nither were they necessitous, nor had they made any attempt to overthrow the Church, or State at home :" but removed at their own expense, with the Consent of their Soverrein, in a laudable and peaceable manner, and by that means, as great a teritory is aded to his Dominions as all he before Reigned over, and took care to Secure to themselves in their Retreat, all priveleges and immunitys of home born Subjects of Great Britain, without reserve, Secure, as plighted Royal faith could make them, and that they might have a more Just, and equitable title to their lands, than barely holding them under the

King of Great Britain, whose Sole title was Discovery, it then being the property of the Natives, and a very Great part of the Continent Stills Remains so they purchased their land of those aborigens, who received their title (for what is ——) from the King of Kings, and this title being transmitted to the present Generation by heirship, as well as by the law of equity, and the English constitutions Therefore, to infringe those rights, that are so well founded, both in nature, and civil government, has a tendency, to bring an aspersion upon the most Sacred compacts, and too Great a greavance for us Sileintly to bear: The malancoly enumeration of the infringments of our Rights, in every particular is needless, when they are so accurately Set forth by our Brethren, the Respectable inhabitants of the Town of Boston; in the Boston Pamphlet (so Called) and Also, not only very Sensibly exprest, by a Great Number of the Principle Towns, but the Province in General, for which Recent instance of their Publick Virtue, Patriotizm, they have rendered themselves Dear, to every lover of his Country, and mankind in general, for which they have highly merited our greatfull thanks: it is our opinion, that the infringments of our rights and libertys, and those of all the Inhabitants of British America / Courts of Inquisition appointed, as arbitary, and terrable as those under the Popes Jurisdiction, the appointment of papist, to high places of trust, in the British Dominions, natural tend, to alienate the effections of millions, of truly Loyal Subjects, of the English Government) would never have recived the Royal assent, had not his majesty been misinformed: we therefore think it our Duty as Good and loyal Subjects, to the King, and Constitution, to Joyn with our Brethren in offering our Sentiments, of all British America) that his majesty may be undeceived, in so Important a matter, and we are of opinion, that there never could be a Just Prentance, that we ever were unwilling to pay our full proportion, of the Common burthens, have only to Recite as an incontistible proof, instances of the British Parliment, in Consequence of being Sensible we had Done more than our Share, in the repeated wars that the Nation has been ingaged in, has reimbursed considerable Sums of money to us and we have been equally as ready to venture

our lives, in Defence of his majestys Rights; and Securing his Dominions, to the utmost of our Power, as any Subjects within his Dominions, Witness the People of this Country, taking Acadie, or Nova Scotia, in 1690 at their own Expense, which was never reimbursed, and also, the Conquest of Cape Breton, at a time whe[n] the French was in Possession of madrass, and Nitherlands, and Holland lay at their mercy, flushed with a long course of uninterupted victories) ; our exertions, att that time, were not only the means of giving peace to Europe, but also of Settleing it, much to the advantage of great [Britain] and we are indubitably preswaded, that the proofs of Duty, and loyalty, to the best of Kings, and Constitutions, have been to ma[rked] and Conspicuous, to Escape the Notice of all well effected Subjects in the British Empire. The fond effection that ever has Subsisted in our hearts for Great Britain and its Soveriegn, has ever induced us, to Esteem it above any other Country, and as fond Children Speek of a fathers house, we have ever called it our home, and always rejoice, when they Rejoiced, to weep, when they have wept, and when ever Required to blead when they have bled ! and in Return we are Sorry to Say, we have had our harbours filled with Ships of war, in an hostile manner, and troops Posted in our metropilis, in a time of profound peace, not only posted Greatly insulting, but actually Slaughtering the Inhabttants, cannon levelled against our Senate House, the fortress or Key of the Province taken from us : and as an addition to our Distress, the Commander in Cheif of the Province he had not power to controle the troops &c——

Nevertheless we are Ready, and willing to Stand forth in Defence of the King of Great Britain, his Crown and Dignity, and our noble Constitution ; and when called to it to risk our lives "and in that Day let him that has no Sword Sell his Garment and buy one."

And further ; that there be a Comittee of Correspondance chose, to correspond witn the Committees of correspondance, in the other Towns in this Province, to Give the Earliest inteligence to the Inhabitants of this Town, of any Designs that they Shall Discover at any time against our Natural and Constitutional Rights

Lastly that the Town Clerk, reccord the above proceedings, on the Town Book of Records, and Give an attested Copy thereof, to Such Persons as Shall be chose, a Committee of correspondance, to transmit the Same to the respectable committee of correspondance at Boston

Wm Yong
David Bancroft
Saml Curtis
Tim^o^ Bigelow
Stephen Salisbury
} Comittee

Att a Town meeting regularly warned and assembled at Worcester on the 18th Day of may A D : 1773 The foregoing Report being Read is accepted.and the Town appoint mess William Yong Tim^o^ Bigelow & John Smith a Comittee of Correspondance for the purposes in S^d^ Report mentioned

Atst Clark Chandler Town Clerk

On the Sixth artikle voted that the Two Hind Body of mens Seats on the Lower floore in the meeting house be assigned for Seats to those Persons who Shall Sett together and lead in Singing in the Congregation on Lords Days

voted that those persons who have of late Set together in the Gallery and lead in Singing be Desired to Sett in the Said Two Hind Seats aforesaid now assigned to lead the Congregation in Singing

The foregoing Votes passed at S^d^ meeting

Atst Tim^o^ Paine moderator

Entered from the original ℔ Clark Chandler Town Clerk

Worcester August 18th 1773 at a Town meeting Legally warned & Held by the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town Qualifyed to Vote in Town affairs

The Honble John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderater

Atst Clark Chandler T Clerk

On the Second artikle in the Warrant m^r^ Josiah Peirce the Honble Tim^o^ Paine Esqr and m^r^ Tim^o^ Bigelow was Chose a Comittee to make answer before the Court of Sessions in September

Next to a Presentment found against the Town for their Neglect in not Keeping the County Road in Repair Leading from John Smiths to David moores in S^d^ Town

The aforegoing Votes passed at S^d^ meeting
Atst John Chandler moderater

Entered from the original p^r^ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Received of John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer of Worcester one Hundred Pound Lawfull mony In full of my Last Years Sallery Ending In June Last

October 23 : 1773 Thaddeus Maccarty

Received of John Chandler Esq one of ye Select men of Worcester four pound fifteen Shillings & ten pence three farthings In part of Interest mony Due In november next

Octo 23 : 1773 Thaddeus Maccarty

Rcd of John Chandler Esq three pound on ye above acct also Sixteen Shillings more Feb 1 : 1774 Thaddeus Maccarty

Rec'd of John Chandler Esq one of ye Select men of Worcester thirteen pound Eight Shillings & Seven pence three farthings which with ye Preceeding Receipts In full for ye Interest mony Due nov 1 : 1773 march 7 1774 Thaddeus Maccarty

Worcester march 18 : 1776

Receiv'd of m^r^ Nathan Perry, Town Treasurer, the Sum of Seventy pounds, which, together with thirty pounds, receiv'd of m^r^ Jonathan Rice, Collector for the year 1773, for which a receipt was given him, (now missing) compleats the Sum of one hundred pounds, being the whole of my Salary, commencing June 21 : 1773 ending June 21 : 1774

£100 p^r^ me Thaddeus maccarty

Worcester June 8. 1776

Receiv'd of m^r^ Nathan Perry, Treasurer, the Sum of twelve pounds eleven Shillings & Eight pence, which, together with what I have heretofore receiv'd compleats the whole of my Sallary, viz, one hundred pounds, commencing June 21. 1774, & ending June 21 : 1775 p^r^ me Thaddeus maccarty

£100

Worcester att a Town meeting held at Worcester in the County of Worcester on the 25th Day of October A D 1773 Regularly called & warned the following affairs Transacted (viz)

1 Timo Paine Esq was Chosen moderator

Atst Clark Chandler T Clerk

2 Voted that the Sum of 10/5 be Granted unto Joshua Bigelow for 130 feet 3 Inch Plank for Holmes Bridge		0 10	5
Voted that the following Sums be Granted to Jona Rice Late Collector for the following Persons Taxes he not being able to Collect them (Viz) James Conway	10 8		
michael Katon [?] 10/8 Jona Stone 10/8	1 1 4		
Ephraim Harrington 3/11⅝			
Peter Buck 10/8	14 7⅛	2 6	7⅝
Voted that the Sum of 4/ be Granted to Jonas Hubbard Collector for ye year 1771 for Ephm Harringtons Taxes		4	
Voted that the Sum £25 5 11 to the Town Treasurer to Enable him to pay the County Tax		25 5	11
Voted that the Sum of £3 be Granted John Waters taking Care the meeting House one year		3	

Voted that the Sums Granted in march and may last and those Granted at this time be assessed according to Law in one Tax Saveing the ministers tax which is to be assessed Separrately that one Half be paid into the Town Treasury by the first of January Next the other half by the first of march Next

The Comittee appointed [to] Settle accounts with the Town Treasurer make Report as on file Read & accepted & the Sd Treasurer is discharged from the Sum of £344 : 4 : 11 that he account for the Ballance when he receives the Same being £2 12 9

The Comittee appointed at the Last meeting [to answer] to a Presentment found against the Town for not Repairing Tatnick Road made Report the Sd Presentment is Continued to the Next Court of General Sessions of the Peace that the Town may have opportunity to Repair the Same to the Courts acceptance—Thereupon the[y] Took ye Same into Consideration Capt Samuel mower asa moore Joseph Blaire John moore & Lemuel Rice being present

Signifyed their willingness to put Said Road into Repair Voted that they are desired under the Direction of the Said Samuel mower So to do and that what work they do be allowed them out of their Highway Tax for the next year

Upon the 7th article in the Warrant Voted that the time of Intermission on the Lords Days between the morning and afternoon Service be but one Hour untill next march meeting and that the Town Clerk Transmitt a copy of this Vote to the Revd mr maccarty that he may Conform accordingly

Those Persons Present that had not given in List of their Estates had opportunity to do it

The foregoing Votes passed at Sd meeting

Atst Timo Paine moderator

Entered from ye original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Worcester may 6. 1777

Receiv'd of mr Nathan Perry, Town Treasurer, eighty pounds being the full of my Salary, begining June 21 : 1775, & ending June 21 1776 pr me Thaddeus maccarty

1773 D The Town of Worcester their account Currant with

	To Ballance due to me by Last Settlement				14	0	$8\frac{3}{4}$
	pd the Revd mr maccarty his Sallery				100		
No 1	pd Palmer Goulding Building the Towns House				60	0	0
2	pd Benja Flagg ℔' order				0	4	0
3	pd Jonathan Stone ℔' order				2	4	0
4	pd Jonathan Grout ℔' order				10	8	0
5	pd my Self ℔' order					15	3
6	pd Jonas Hubbard Elisha Smith Junr pole tax 10 4 paid Do Benja Crosby Do 9 10 paid Jonas Hubbard his Grant Novb last for for Sundry Rates abated	2 1 11			3	2	1
7	pd Timo Paine Esq ℔' order		18				
8	pd my Self ℔' order		14	6			
9	pd Thomas Wheeler Scholl mony for 1771		6				
	pd Schooling in the Several parts of the Town	105	0	0			
	pd Jacob Hemenway his Grant		7				
	pd my Self ye Debt out Standing In Collector Bigelows Hands	1	14	$1\frac{3}{4}$			
	pd my Self ye County Tax for 1772	19	3	9			
	pd Simon Gates		10	8			
	pd micah Johnson	1	16	0			
	pd Clark Chandler		18	$8\frac{1}{2}$			
					£131	8	$9\frac{1}{4}$
	pd Jonathan Stone		19	6			
	pd Jonathan Rice Collecter his Grant	5					
	pd for Town Standard wine measures & Sealed Wts	3	10	0			
10	pd Wido Eaton taking Care Asael Knights wife last year	5	4	0			
11	pd Jonas Hubbard ℔' order	3	16	0			
12	pd Nahum Willard ℔' order		11	8			
	pd Benja Stowell, Remainder of School money for 1771		9	7			
	pd Palmer Goulding	2	11	4	22	2	1
					£344	4	11

John Chandler Town Treasurer C

may meeting
1772

By Ballance out Standing	13 2
By Town tax for 1772	328 15 10
By School Interest mony	5
	£346 17 10

Worcester October 25 1773 a True account
John Chandler Town Treasurer

Worcester ss Worcester October 25 : 1773 The Comittee appointed to Examine the Town Treasurers account report that they have attended the Service & find the Same right Cast & well Vouched whereby it appears that he has paid by order of the Select men & agreeable to the grants of the Town the Sum of £344 4 11—that he has made himself Dr for the Sum of three Hundred & forty Six pounds Seventeen Shillings & ten pence part of which Sum is now out Standing in the Collectors Hands (Viz) Jonathan Rice, which when paid to him there will be a ballance of £2 : 12 : 9 which he is further to account for when [he] receives the Same

℔ order of the Comittee
Timo Paine

A true Copy Entered from the original account
Atest Clark Chandler T Clerk

[End of the Record in the third volume.]

Att a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester, on monday the Seventh Day of march A. D. 1774 after legal warning for the Choice of Town officers and to transact other matters agreeable to the Several Artikles Contained in the Warrant

at Said meeting The Honourable Timothy Paine Esqr was Chosen moderator Atst Clark Chandler Town Clerk

The Honble Tim^{o} Paine Esqr Capt Benj^{a} Flagg Lt Thomas Wheelor m^{r} William Yong Lt Josiah Peirce Selectmen and Assessors

Clark Chandler Town Clerk

The Honble John Chandler Esq Town Treasurer

William Dana James Hart Junr Wardens

Samuel Bridge John Peirce Constables

David Thomas Collector of Taxes

Samuel m^{c}Craken Sealor of Taned & Curryed Leather

Stephen Sailsbury Andrew Duncan Clerks of the markett

David Bigelow Phinehas Ward Serveyors of Staves Hoops Board & Shingles

Nathan Perry, Isaac Gleason William mahon, Thos Baird Junr, William Dana, Ezekiel How Samuel millar, John moore ye 2^{d} Peter Boyden William Gates Jonathan Rice Jacob Chamberlane & John Fisk Surveyors of Heighways & Collectors of Heighways Taxes

Jonathan Rice Samuel Whitney Fence Viewers

Joseph Wiley William mahon Tything men

Ebenezar Barber Joseph Barber Dear Reaves

Joshua Whitney William Gates Feild Drivers

David Richardson John Bearnard John Baird James moore James Barber James Willard Joseph Ball William Taylor Hog Reeves

a County Treasurer was Voted for

On the third artikle voted that the Sum of Six pounds be and hereby is Granted unto David Thomas for Collecting the Taxes the Currant year voted that he Give bond with Sufficient Bondsmen to the Town Treasurer to pay the money that Shall be Granted

and assest the Currant Year and Comitted to him to Collect as also the Province Tax that Shall [be] laid on Said Town the Currant Year and pay the Same to the Respective Treasurers agreeable to the Direction in the Warrants for Collecting the Same

On the fourth Artikle[1] the Question being put whither the Town would act thereon and it passed in the affirmative Voted that William Yong, Josiah Peirce & Timothy Bigelow be a Comittee to take the Same into Consideration and Report to this meeting in two Hours which was accordingly done and their Report being Read the Question was put whither the Town would accept the Same and it Passed in the affirmative and theire Report was as follows——

We the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Worcester, think it our duty at this important time, when affairs of the Greatest Consequence to our Selves and Posterity, are hastning to a Crisis: after due Consideration to offer our Sentiments, on the many Greivous impositions, which are laid, and are attempted to be laid, upon us: we would particularize Some of the most Intolerable ones. (viz) Courts of Vice admiralty, wherein that inestimable Previlege, trials by Jurys is destroyed, Board of Commissioners, with their numerous train of Dependants which Departments are generally filled with those, who have proved themselves to be Destitute, of honor honesty, or the common feelings [of] humanity, those who are known to be the Greatest enimyes to the people, and Constitution of this Country, even those, that have murdered its inhabitants: for a resent instance of their consumed insolence, and barbarously harising the Subject, from port to port, at the Expence of time and money, and unjustly Detaining property, we would mention the petifull case of Capt Walker, commander of the Brigantine Brothers

[1] Fourth article: "for the Town to Consider and act & Vote as they think proper upon a Request of Twenty Seven of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town Relating to an act of Parliament giving a Priviledge to the East India Company to Export Teas to america Subject to Duty to Raise a Revenue for his majesty &c"

2 The governor, and Judges of the Superior Court, rendered independent of the People of this Province : we apprehend that all officers are nothing more, than Servants to the people, for whose Good only they were appointed, for which Service, they ought to Depend on those they Serve for their pay : and we are constrained to Say, that to have those who are to Judge, and Determin, on our lives, property, paid by a foreign State, imme[d]iately Destroy, that natural dependance, which ought to Subsist between a people, and their officers, and of consequence, destructive of liberty : For which reason we are of opinion, that we [are] not in the least bound in duty to Submit, to the ordering and Determining of Such officers, as [are] not dependant on the Grants of this people for their pay. but we have the Satisfaction to hear that four of the Superiour Judges, to their immortal honor ! have refused the bribe offered them

But as we have had an oppertunity heretofore, Joyntly to express our minds respecting our many Greivances ; we therefore Shall principly confine our observations, to the East India companys Exporting teas to america, Subject to a duty, laid thereon by the British Parliament to be paid by us, not so much as mentioned for the regulation of trade, but, for *the Sole purpose of raising a revinue ;* in consequence of which we take upon us to say, that it is an addition to the many proofs that the British ministry are Determined if possable to enslave us, but we rest assured, that however attached we have been to that truly Detestable herb, we can firmly resist the Charm, and thereby Convince our enimys in Great Britain and america, that However artfull and allureing their Snares and gilded the bait, we have wisdom to foersee, and Vertue to resist

Therefor Resolved that we will not buy, Sell, use, or any ways be concerned with India Teas of any Kind, dutied or undutied imported from Great Britain, Holland or Else where, untill the unrightious act imposing a duty thereon be repealed, the former on account of the aforesaid duty, the Latter because we still maintain such a regard for Great Britain, as to be unwilling to promote the Interest of a Rival

2 Resolved, that we will break of all commercial intercourse with those persons if any their Should be in this, or any other, place, who should act counter [to] these our resolutions, thus publickly made Known, that the tea consignees, and all those that have been aiding, or assisting in interduceing the East India Companys tea among us, have justly merited our Indignation, and Contempt, and must be considered. and treated by us as enimys and trators to their Country. that we contemptiously abhor, and detest, all those wether in Britain or america, that are not content with the profits of their own honest industry, but contrarary to the Known principles of Justice, and equity, attempt to take the property of others in any wise without their consent

3 Resolved that we have an indispensable right at this time, and at all times, boldly to assert our rights, and make Known our grievances : being Sensible, the freedom of Speech, and Security of property, always go together : none but the base tyrant, and his wicked tools, Dreads this liberty, upright measures will allways Defend themselves, It is not only our indubitable right, but a requiset Duty, in this legal. and publick manner, to make Known our grievances : amongst the many benefitts that will naturally result therefrom, the important one we hope, of undecieving our gracious Sovereign, who from the wicked measures that have been practised against us, we have just reason to Suppose, has been artfully deluded : in Defence of whose Sacred Person, his Crown and Dignity, together with our natural, and constitutional Rights, we are ready att any time, boldly to risk our lives, and fortune while we are thus complaining of the Encroachments of Great Britain, and Strugling against arbitary power, we would not let those pass unnoticed among ourselves in Different parts of the Province, who are ever Ready to assist in Carrying the unconstitution[al] acts of the British Parliament into Execution Americans Blush ! we have those among us who have advised and Solicited for Troops from Great Britain, that have shed the inocent Blood of our Countrymen ! a Number of Tools to arbitary power, that have unweariedly practised every low, artifice to Decive the more unthinking part of the Community, so that the Chains of Slavery may be more Esily put on

We would also complain of the mercantile part of this Province that Notwithstanding they have made vertuous Stands, and ought to be Considered as a Respectable part of the Community, think it would be acting impartially to point out some particulars wherein we are of opinion they are Blame worthy 1st first their Conduct in importing teas Subject to a duty, while the merchants and traders in the other Goverments Desisted from it 2 when the East India Company teas was expected Soon to arrive among us, they were for most in their Complaints and very Justly represented that the Importing teas was the Greatest Drain of Cash, of any artikle of imports, and as Soon as they found the people were Sensible, that it was for their interest to oppose the tea act, and thence being sure of the trade themselves, they Raised the Retail price, upon their old Stock from three to five Pistereens Per pound and proportionably by wholesail an extortion that is Sufficient to put them to the blush, if they are not lost to every Sentiment, Except that of Self interest, Their raising the price of Coffee Chocolate, &c when we all know that the Artikles can be Sold, and a good profit made at the usual price is all of a Peice, with the aforegoing mercantile partriotism. However we are heartily join with them in the opposition to the Arbitary acts of Great Britain

Lastly voted that the Town Clerk record the above proceedings, in the Town Book of Records and furnish the Committee of correspondance with an attested Copy of the Same, to be forwarded to the Committee of Correspondance att Boston

We the Subscribers being Chose by the Town of Worcester as a Committee to consider of the unconstitutional acts of British Parliament Respecting America beg leave to offer the above

William Yong
Josiah Peirce } Committee
Timo Bigelow

We whose Names are under written beg leave to enter our desent & Protest against the vote of the Town of Worcester Relating to the four Artikle in the Warrant for the Town in meeting march

1774 and do accordingly Sign this as Protest against the acceptance of the Report of the Comittee thereon Worcester march 7 : 1774 James Putnam, John Chandler, Daniel Ward, John Curtis, Daniel Boyden, Wm Campbell, Nathl moore, Rufus Chandler, John mower, William Paine, Nahum Willard, David moore, James Hart, Junr, Samuel moore, Cornelius Stowel, Andrew Duncan, Palmer Goulding, Samuel mower, James Goodwin, Samuel Bridg, David Bancroft, Jacob Stephens, Jonas Nichols, Gershom Rice, Junr, Darius Boyden, Joseph Blaire

On the fifth artikle voted that the Sum of one Hundred pounds be and hereby is Granted for the Support of the Schools the Currant year which with the School Interest mony being five pounds be applyed for the Support of Schools in the Same way and manner as was Voted the last year in all Respects allso voted that the Honourable Tim^o^ Paine Esq Provide for the Gramer School master allso William Yong, Daniel Bigelow Junr, William Gates, David Bancroft, Jonathan Stone, David Chdwick, Joseph Barber, & Silas moore be a Comittee for the English Schools Each to act for his Respective Division agreeable to the Vote aforesaid

On the Sixth Artikle Voted that Stephen Sailsbury Nathan Perry and Timothy Bigelow be a Comittee to Settle accounts with the Town Treasurer

On the Seventh Artikle Voted that the Sum of two Hundred and twenty pounds be Granted Levied and assessed on the Poles and Estates in Said Town the Currant year to be Expended in Building Bridges and Causways mending & Repairing Decayed ones & Putting & Keeping the Roads in Good Repair the Currant year and that the Same wages be allowed as was the last year and that the Same be worked out by the first Day of October Next and that the Selectmen Squadron out to Each Surveyor the persons that Shall work under them so that Each Surveyor have a tax in proportion to his Labour that Such of the Inhabitants as Worked out more than his last year tax be allowed for the Same out of the Present year tax they Producing proper Certificates and those that

have not worked out their Last years tax may have Liberty [to] Work out the Same provided they do it by the twenty fifth Day of June Next

On the Eighth Artikle the Selectmen Reported that the money arising by the Sale of the ministerial Land is in the Hands of the Following persons (viz)

William Yong & Robert Henry	£116	0	0
David Sanderson John Stowell & Jon[a] marble	50	0	0
John Childs Isaac Smith & Jonas Ward	40		
Palmer Goulding John Boyden & Corn[l] Stowell	35	17	10
noah Jones & Daniel Boyden	20		
Ebenezer Willington & Edward Knight	13	6	8
John Boyden & James Nichols	33	6	8
Phinehas Ward Sam[l] Curtis & David Richardson	22	15	
David Bigelow & Jonas Ward	35	16	8
	£367	2	10

That they have Received the Interest of Said Bonds and paid the Same to the Rev[d] m[r] maccarty & Taken his Recipt Therefore voted that the Select men be Discharged of Said Interest

On the Ninth Artikle the [question] was put whither the Swine Should go at Large they being yoaked and Ringed according to Law and it passed in the affirmative

On the tenth Artikle Voted that Daniel Knight with the money he pays for Schoolling be annexed to Peirces Roe So Called

On the Eleventh Artikle the Question was put whither the Town would allow Doct William Paine to Erect a Hospital for Innocolation in Said Town and it Passed in the Negative

On the Twelfth Artikle the Select men made Report of a Private way laid out by them to accomodate Frances Cutting from the house of Said Francis till it Comes to the land of Ebenezer White & from thence through his land between his House and Barn & from thence in the trod way to the County Road leading to Capt

Wards Voted to allow and approve of Said private [way] & Order that the Same be put on Record the Said Select Men also made Report of another Private way Laid Out to accomadate John Tatman begining at the Corner of Said Tatmans Land On the Road Leading to Sutton & Extending Northerly One Rod on the land of Samuel Goddard and from thence Running in Said Goddards Southwesterly four Rods till it Strikes said Tatmans Land said Road to Lye on the Southerly Side Said line Voted [to] allow and approve of the said private way and Order that the same be put on Record

On the thirteenth article wishing the Town would grant the Request of Jacob Chamberlain & seven Others for their Schooling to be laid Out among themselves and it Passed in the Negative

On the fourteenth article Voted that the Select Men Provide what may be wanting of the Town Stock of amunition and lay their account before the Town for their allowance & Payment

The foregoing Votes Passed at said meeting
attest Tim° Paine Mod

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler Town Clerk

memorandum of a Private way Laid out by the Select men of Worcester February 16 : 1774 Leading from Frances Cuttings into the County Road Leading by Capt Wards begining at a Stake and Stones one Rod west of Cuttings House & Extending Northerly to a Stake from thence Northerly to a Small apple tree & from thence Northerly to a white oake stadd[l]e from thence Northerly to a Stake in the line between Ebenezer White and Said Cutting and from thence Northerly to a Stake Southeasterly from S^d^ Whites Barn from thence Northerly as the path is now trod till it meets with the County Road aforesaid the way to be two Rods wide and to Lye on the Westerly Side Said marks

John Chandler, Tim° Paine, Benj^a^ Flagg, Thomas Whealor, Select men of Worcester

Worcester ss att the annual meeting held on the 7th Day of march A D 1774 voted to allow & approve of the foregoing private way and order the Same to be put on Record

Attest Tim° Paine mod^r^

memorandum of a private way Laid out by the Select men of Worcester February 16 : 1774 to accomadate John Tatman beginning at the Corner of Said Tatman Land on the Road Leading to Sutton & Extending Northerly one Rod on the Land of Samuel Goddard & from thence turning & Running on Said Goddards Southwesterly four Rods till it Strikes Said Tatmans Land Said Road to Lye on the Southerly Side S^{d} Line

J Chandler, Tim^{o} Paine, Benj^{a} Flagg, Thos Wheelor Select men of Worcester

Worcester att the annual Town meeting held on the 7th Day of march A D 1774 Voted to allow and approve of the foregoing Private way & order the Same to be put on Record

Attest Tim^{o} Paine mod^{r}

Enterd from the Original ℔ Clark Chandler Town Clerk

[A town meeting was called for the seventh of March, 1774, "to Recive the Report of the Comittee appointed the 16th of march 1772 to Defend the action Commenced against the assessors for the year 1771 & Jonas Hubbard Collector of Taxes by Ebenezer Bradish and to Come into Some method to Discharge the Judgment Recovered by Said Bradish against Said assessors & Collector."]

Worcester ss att a Town meeting held at Worcester at time & Place within mentioned in Consequence of the foregoing Warrant

Tim^{o} Paine Esq Chosen moderator

Attst Clark Chandler Town Clerk

Upon the Artikle Contained in Said Warrant Voted that the Select men be and hereby are impowered to Borrow a Sufficient Sum of money to discharge the Execution therein mentioned and that they will allow Interest for Said Sum untill it be repaid by the Town

Atst Tim^{o} Paine moderator

Enterd from the Original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Worcester att a meeting of the Select[men] of Worcester on monday the fifteenth Day of march A D 1774

Agreed to run the Bounds and renue the marks between Worcester [and Leicester] on Thursday the Twentyeith Day of April next and appoint Jonathan Stone, Noah Jones & Jonas Hubbard or any two of them to meet at the South East Corner of Leicester at nine oClock of Said Day A. M. and joyn with the Select men of Leicester or such persons as they shall appoint to proceed on S[d] Business

Tim[o] Paine
Benj[a] Flagg
Thomas Wheelor
William Yong
Josiah Peirce
} Select[men] of Worcester

Enterd from the original
℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

April 28 : 1774

the Subscribers Jonathan Stone Noah Jones & Jonas Hubbard from Worcester appointed by the Select men of Worcester & Jonathan Newall, Samuel Green & James Baldwin Select[men] of Leicester & Thomas Denny appointed by Said Select men meet this Day at the Southeast Corner of Leicester and Renewed the Bounds between Worcester & Leicester as agreed and appointed by the Select men of Worcester

Jon[a] Newall, Samuel Green, James Baldwin, Thomas Denny } Select men & Comittee from Leicester

Jon[a] Stone, Noah Jones, Jonas Hubbard } Comittee from Worcester

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Holden April y[e] 28[th] 1774 Then we the Subscribers according to the Notification of Worcester Select men of S[d] Worcester met the Gen[t]men they appointed according to time & place & Preambulated from the Corner Next to Leicester line & Renew[d] S[d] Corner and Sundry other marks to the Corner of Shrewsbury line

John Child
Jon[a] Rice
Paul Raymond
} Select men of Holden

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

April 28th 1774 Pursuant to an appointment of the Select men of Worcester we meet a Comittee of the Sealect[men] of Shrewsbury at the Northeast Corner of Worcester and from thence pro-

ceed to and did Perambulate the line between Said Towns and Renewed the Several boundarys on Said line ending at Quinsigamug Pond

Com^tee^ for Shrewsbury } Edward Flint, Joab Hapgood, Daniel Smith

Comittee for Worcester } Wm Yong, Josiah Peirce, Tim^o^ Bigelow

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

These may Certify all whom it may Concern that we the Subscribers have appointed m^r^ Daniel Smith, Edward Flint & Joab Hapgood or any two of them to appear on our part, the twenty Eighth day of April Instant at Nine of the Clock A m at the North-east Corner of Worcester, To perambulate the line and Renew the Bounds, between the Towns of Worcester & Shrewsbury

Shrewsbury April ye 11th 1774

To the Select men of Worcester or Such as they Shall appoint on their part

Artemas Ward, Edward Flint, Joab Hapgood } Select men of Shrewsbury

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Thursday April 28th 1774

mett the Comittee appointed by the Select men of Worcester att the Southwest Corner of Worcester and Renewed all Known marks on Said Line as far as appletons farm

Edward Putnam, Saml Trask, Caleb Chase } Select men of Sutton

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Thursday april 28 : 1774

mett the Committee from Worcester at the South west Corner of Worcester and Renewed the Same and proceeded on S^d^ line to Sutton Corner & Renewed the Same

Ebenezar Learned, William Watson } Select men of Oxford

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Worcester may 16 : 1774 att a Town meeting Legally Warned & Held by the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town Qualifyed to vote in Town affairs and for a Representative the Currant Year

On the first artikle m^r^ Joshua Bigelow was Chosen to Represent Said Town the Currant year in the General assembly

On the Second Artikle the Honb^le^ John Chandler Esq was Chosen moderator Atst Clark Chandler Town Clerk

On the third artikle the following Sums was Granted to the following Persons (viz)

		£	s	d
To Timo Paine Esq for Work done at the meeting House			9	4
To Jonas Hubbard for Wm Knights Pole tax for the year 1771	10 4			
To Do Carrying John mcBright to Shrewsbury	6		16	4
To Ebenezar White for Sundrys found for the Support of John Waite in the time of his Sickness ✠ order of the Select men		£2	12	4
To Samuel mcCraken for a pair Shoes for Ditto			7	8
To the Select men for the Support of the poor they to be accountable		20	0	0
To John Waters for taking Care of the meeting House the Ensuing year		3		
To Jonathan Rice for Paul Gates Pole tax for the year 1772 in Saml mcCrakens Rates, being under age			10	8
		27	16	4

On the fourth artikle[1] the Select men was Chosen a Comittee to desire the Revd m^r^ maccarty to attend the Town at the adjournment of this meeting

The Comittee for Defending the Suit Ebenezer Bradish on the Select men & Jonas Hubbard, Reported that they had Recivd of the Town Treasurer Seven pounds ten Shillings & Expended £7 : 5/ 5 voted that they be Discharged of Said Sum of £7 : 10/

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[1] Fourth article: "to grant the Sallary of the Revd mr maccarty the Currant year"

On the Sixth article voted that William Yong, Tim° Paine Esq & Tim° Bigelow be a Comittee to Settle the lines and bounds of the Towns Land Lying on the Northerly Side of the Comon and the Heirs of the Late Judge Jenison and the Heirs of the Late major Heywood Deceased

the Seventh Artikle[1] Referred to the adjournment of this meeting

Voted that Josiah Peirce, Tim° Bigelow, Stephen Salsbury, Sam[l] Curtis, Edward Crafts, John Kelso, & Joshua Whitney be a Comittee to Draw up Instructions for our Representative the Currant Year & make Report at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to fryday Next the twentyeith Instant five oClock afternoon to be held at this Place

Atst John Chandler moderator

Enterd from y[e] original Clark Chandler T Clerk

Att a Town meeting held in Worcester by adjournment from monday may 16th 1774 to fryday may 20th

The Honourable Tim° Paine Esq was Chosen moderator

Attest Clark Chandler Town Clerk

On the fourth Artikle in the Warrant Voted to the Rev[d] m[r] maccarty one Hundred pounds for his Sallery Commencing in June Next £100

On the Seventh Artikle the Petition of the Inhabitants of the South part of the [Town] with Drawn

The Comittee appointed the 16th Instant to Draw up Instructions to the Representative the present year made Report as follows

To m[r] Joshua Bigelow } Worcester may 20 :
Representative for the Town of Worcester } 1774

As English america is in a general alarm in consequence of Some

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[1] Seventh article: "to See if the Town will Vote their Consent that the Precinct lately erected by order of the general Court out of the Towns of Worcester oxford & Sutton be incorporated, in a Town or District agreeable to the Request of a Comittee of Sd Precinct"

late unconstitutional Stretches of power, we are Sensible that this is the most difficult period that hath ever yet commenced since the first arrival of our worthy ancestors into this then unexplored uncultivated & inhospitable wilderness : and being fully sencible that the wisest head uprightest heart & the firmest Resolution, are the Necessary qualifications of the person fit & Suitable to Represent us in the great & general Court of this province the present year ; have honoured you with our Suffrages for that Important office— Notwithstanding our confidence in your Vertue and abilities, think it Necessary to prescribe Some Certain Rules for your conduct— And find as there is [a] late act of the British parliament to be Enforced in ameraca with Troops & Ships of War the first of June, in order to Stop the port and Harbour of Boston, & thereby depriveing us of the Benefit of the Winds & Seas which God & Nature gave in common to mankind—We are Induced to believe that Great Britain through misinformation are lead to a prostitution of that power that has heretofore made Europe to tremble, to abridge us their Brethren in this province of our natural & Civil Rights Notwithstanding (Exclusive of our Natural Rights) we had all the priviledges & Immunities of English men confirmed to us by our Royal Charter—and as we view this hostile manœvre of great Britain as a Blow aimed through Boston at the whole of american Liberties :

Being Imboldened through a consciousness of the Justness of our Cause we in the most Solemn manner direct you, that whatever measures great Britain may take to Distress us, that you be not in the least Intimedated ; and thereby Induced that whatever Requisitions, or ministerial mandate there may be in order to Subject us to any unconstitutional acts of the British parliament, to Comply therewith : But to the utmost of your power Resist the most Distant approaches of Slavery But more particularly should the people of this province through their Representatives be Required to Compensate the East India Comp^{y} for the lost of their Tea, We hereby lay the Streckest Injunction on you Not to Comply therewith : as the Destruction of the Tea was not a publick act,

we cannot see the Justness of a publick Demand as the Civil Law is open to Punish the Offenders: we rather think Instead of an Equitable Compliance, it would be the means of Encourageing Riots & Robberies, and of Consequence Render the Courts of Justice of no use

Also we earnestly Require that a Strict union of the Colonies be one of the first Objects in your View, and that you Carefully & Imediately persue every Legal measure that may tend thereto Viz^{t} that Committees of Correspondence be kept up between the Several Houses of Assembly through the Colonies—and that you by no means fail to use your utmost Endeavors that there be a general Congress, from^{d} of Deputies from the Same, that so we may unite in Some safe & sure plan, to Secure & Defend the american Liberties at this Important Crises of Affairs

Also we Direct you as soon as may be to Endeavour that Peter Oliver Esqr be brought to answer to the Impeachment against him, by the Representatives of this Province in the name of the whole people—there is a Number of other Matters Respecting the Internal polecy of the Province that in our opinion Requreirs at this Season the Attention of the Legislator. but at a time like this when Britain in Return for the Blood we have on every Needfull Occation so freely Spilt in their Cause have Reduced Thousands through a Wanton Exercise of Power in our Metropolice, to the most Pitifull Circumstances, which at first View, is Sufficiant to Excite in the Human breast, every tender, and compassionate feeling, is Enough to Engross our whole attention But should other Matters come under your Consideration, in the course of the present year, Relative to the common & ordinary Exigencies of Government, we make not the Least Doubt you will on your Part, make the Peace & prosperity of the whole province, your ultimate aim and End and by that means honour your self & us your constituents in the Choice we have made

We the Subscribers being Chosen a Comittee to Report Instructions for the Representatives beg Leave to offer the Above for your acceptance and further we Advise that the beforegoing In-

structions be Recorded In the Town Book of Records and an attested Copy be given to Mr Joshua Bigelow

Josiah Peirce
Samuel Curtis
Stephon Salisbury
Timothy Bigelow } Comittee
John Kelso
Joshua Whitney
Edward Crafts

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

[Warrant.]

Worcester ss To Samuel Bridge one of the constables of the Town of Worcester in the County of Worcester—Greeting

Whereas a great Number of the Freeholders Inhabitants & Voters in Said Town of Worcester prefered a Petition to us the Subscribers Select men of Sd Town therein Setting forth that there have been of late diverse Commotions & Disturbances in many Towns & Places within the Province and many actions of a Riotous Nature and dangerous tendency have been done and comitted, whereby the Property of many of his majestys good and peaceable Subjects have been destroyed their persons insulted and their lives endangered, more especially in the Town of Boston—and that by the artfull Practices of Some People there under the Pretence of Patriotism but with evil Intentions & making unrightious Gain to themselves by the Ruin and Destruction of others ; a Spirit of opposition to all Law order and Good Government has been raised and propagated in many Towns and Places within this Province. and Some have been thereby so far seduced that they have unwarrantably adopted measures Subversive of publick Liberty and the good order of the State, and destructive of the Peace and wellfare of Society and in some places Votes and Resolves have been passed which they have Seen published approveing or Justifying the unwarrantable and riotous Proceedings of the Said Town of Boston and have thereby as they fear in some measure made

themselves Partakers of their guilt. [To] avoid the reproach and Imputations of any Such guiltiness falling on them they desire to bear their publick Testimony against all Riots unlawfull assemblies actts of Violence. Oppresion and robbery. more Especially would they manifest their utter Detestation and abhorrence of that unparreled act of Violence. the Destruction of the Teas. the last winter in Boston and also against. the unlawfull Force and Violence in Diverse riotous acts comitted on the Persons and properties of Sundry good People in this Province to whom the Said Teas were consigned—and at the annual meeting in Worcester in march last certain resolves were passed, and Voted to be Entered on the Records of the Town of Worcester against the Express will and opinion of the respectable Inhabitants of the Town then assembled. and had not the members of the Comittee themselves who made or copied, these resolves Voted for their being accepted and recorded there would have been a majority of the Town against the acceptance of them and at that time many of the Sober Judiceous People of the Town thought that those resolves were calculated to Serve Seditious Purposes & some of them did therefore Enter their Protestation in writing against the Said resolves and proceedings and desired the Same might be Entered and recorded with the Record of the Town. yet hoping to prevent it the Town did unreasonably & hastily Vote that the Said Protestation should not be recived or recorded—and they have reason to apprehend there are many more Persons of Consideration and Interest within said Town that did not then protest for want of opportunity to do it that would be glad of a fit Time for doing it and discovering their mind on many late acts & proceedings in a publick manner— and they are of opinion that were the same matters now again to be Considered and acted on by the Town their Proceedings would be very different from what they were before. at least, that such Number would now protest and would before, had they been present as are the owners & proprietors of by far the largest share of the Interest & Property of the Whole Town & Praying that a meeting of the Said Town may be warned that the Inhabitants being Vouters may be assembled, as soon as may be. and so have an opportunity of declareing their Sentiments and acting with Freedom in a legal way with respect

to the Votes resolves Protestations &c before reffered to. and to examine into the Proceedings & Conduct of certain Persons in the Town of Worcester Stiling themselves the Comittee of correspondance for the Town and their power & athority may be exam[d] into & they required to lay before the Town all their Proceedings and doings as a Comittee together or apart Since they have assumed that Charactor. and that they lay before the Town all Such advices Letters. and Intelligence as they or any of them Shall have recived and from whom they had it relateing to publick matters &c and produce true Copies of all Such advices and Letters as they or any of them in the Course of their Correspondence have communicated to others that the Town may have a full & fair opportunity of publickly examining into their whole conduct & proceedings—as by Said Petition appears

You are therefore hereby required in his majestys Name in the usual way and manner to warn & give Notice to the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Said Town qualified according to Law to Vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the meeting House in Said Town on monday the Twentieth Day of June next Three oClock afternoon then and there in the first Place to Choose a moderator

2 To act on the Several matters and things contained in Said Petition & to recive the Report of the Comittee of Correspondence relative to their proceedings as therein mentioned and for the Town to act on all matters mentioned in S[d] Petition as they Shall Judge Proper

hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your Doings to Some of the Select men before Said meeting

Dated at Worcester the thirtieth Day of may in the fourteenth year of his majestys Reign annoque Domini 1774

Tim[o] Paine
W[m] Yong
Tho[s] Wheelor
Josiah Peirce
} Select men of Worcester

Worcester ss Worcester June 3 : A D 1774

In Obedience to this Warrant I have notifyed the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town qualifyed to Vote in Town

affairs to meet and assemble at Time and place within mentioned to act on the Several matters and Things contained in the Within Warrant by posting up a true Copy of the Same at the Sign Post near the meeting House as usual

Sam[ll] Bridge, Constable

Worcester ss att a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualifyed to Vote in Town affairs on monday the 20th Day of June A D 1774 duely warned according to the within Warrant

Tim[o] Paine Esq Chose moderator

Atst Clark Chandler Town Clerk

A motion being made and Seconded to see if the Town will now proceed and act on any of the matters and things Contained in Said Warrant and it passed in the Negative

Voted that this meeting be Dissolved

atst Tim[o] Paine moderator

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

[At this meeting a protest offered by the loyalists was rejected, but was entered in the town book by Clark Chandler, the town clerk. This fact did not come to the knowledge of the patriotic party until some time after. The protest with a brief note prefixed, was published in the Boston News Letter of June 30, and in the Massachusetts Gazette of July 4, 1774, as follows:—

Messrs. Printers:

If you please you may give the following Protestation &c of us a few friends of truth, peace and order, a place in your paper: for it is believed that we and many others thro' the Province, have too long already held our peace.

"At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, held there on the 20*th* day of June, A. D. 1774, pursuant to an application made to the Selectmen by 43 voters and freeholders of the same town, dated the 20*th* day of May last, therein among other things, declaring their just apprehensions of the fatal consequences that may follow the many riotous and seditious actions that have of late times been done and perpetrated in divers places within this Province; the votes and proceedings of which meeting are by us deemed irregular and arbitrary:

Wherefore we, some of us who were petititioners for the said meeting, and others, inhabitants of the town, hereunto subscribing, thinking it our indispensable duty, in these times of discord and confusion in too many of the towns within this Province, to bear testimony in the most open and unreserved manner against all riotous, disorderly and seditious practices, must therefore now declare, that it is with the deepest concern for public peace and order, that we behold so many whom we used to esteem sober, peaceable men, so far deceived, deluded and led astray, by the artful, crafty and insidious practices of some evil-minded and ill-disposed persons, who, under the disguise of patriotism, and falsely styling themselves the friends of liberty, some of them neglecting their own proper business and occupation, in which they ought to be employed for the support of their families, spending their time in discoursing of matters they do not understand, raising and propagating falsehoods and calumnies of those men they look up to with envy, and on whose fall and ruin they wish to rise, intend to reduce all things to a state of tumult, discord and confusion.

And in pursuance of those evil purposes and practices, they have imposed on the understanding of some, corrupted the principles of others, and distracted the minds of many, who under the influence of this delusion, have been tempted to act a part that may prove, and that has already proved, extremely prejudicial to the Province, and as it may be, fatal to themselves; bringing into real danger, and in many instances destroying, that liberty and property we all hold sacred, and which they vainly and impiously boast of defending at the expense of their blood and treasure.

And, as it appears to us that many of this town seem to be led aside by strange opinions, and are prevented coming to such prudent votes and resolutions as might be for the general good and the advantage of this town in particular, agreeably to the request of the petitioners for this meeting.

And as the town has refused to dismiss the persons styling themselves the Committee of Correspondence for the town, and has also refused so much as to call on them to render an account of their past dark and pernicious proceedings:

We therefore, whose names are hereunto Subscribed, do each of us declare and protest, it is our firm opinion, that the Committees of Correspondence in the several towns of this Province, being creatures of modern invention, and constituted as they be, are a legal grievance, having no legal foundation, contrived by a junto to serve particular designs and purposes of their own, and that they as they have been and are now managed in this town, are a nuisance. And we fear, it is in a great measure owing to the baneful influence of such committees, that the teas of immense value, lately belonging to the East India Company, were, not long since, scandalously destroyed in Boston, and that many other enormous acts of violence and opression have been perpetrated, whereby the lives of many honest worthy persons have been endangered and their property destroyed.

It is by these committees also, that papers have been lately published, and are now circulating through the Province, inviting and wickedly tempting all persons to join them, fully implying, if not expressly denouncing the destruction of all that refuse to subscribe those unlawful combinations, tending directly to sedition, civil war and rebellion.

These and all such enormities, we detest and abhor, and the authors of them we esteem enemies to our King and country, violators of all law and civil liberty, the malevolent disturbers of the peace of society, subverters of the established constitution, and enemies of mankind."

William Elder,	Nathan Patch,	David Moore.
Daniel Ward,	Samuel Mower, Jr.,	James Hart, Jr.,
John Walker,	Isaac Moore,	Cornelius Stowell,
Nathaniel Adams,	Joshua Johnson,	Israel Stevens,
William Campbell,	John Chandler,	Jonathan Phillips,
Samuel Moore,	Gardner Chandler,	Samuel Brooks,
John Mower,	James Putnam,	Isaac Willard,
Joseph Blair,	Daniel Boyden,	Jacob Stevens,
Micah Johnson,	John Curtis,	Joseph Clark,
Edmund Heard,	Thomas Baird,	Isaac Barnard,
Thomas Baird, Jr.,	James Hart,	William Paine,

Samuel Mower,	Elisha Smith,	Thaddeus Chamberlain
Samuel Bridge,	Tyrus Rice,	John Chamberlain,
Jacob Chamberlin,	Nahum Willard,	William Curtis,
Andrew Duncan,	Rufus Chandler,	Abel Stowell,
James Goodwin,	Palmer Goulding,	Daniel Goulding,
Clark Chandler,	Adam Walker,	William Chandler,
	Israel Jenison.	

The publication of this protest, together with the knowledge of the fact that it had been entered upon the records of the town, excited the indignation of the whigs to the utmost degree. Upon the petition of Joshua Bigelow and others, a warrant was issued on the 29th of July calling a meeting the 22d of August. From this warrant the following extract is made:]

[2d article:] to Consider of and act on the Petition of mr Joshua Bigelow and fourteen others, as by S^d^ Petition reference had thereunto shall appear. Desireing the town to take under their Consideration the Protest of mr William Elder and John Curtis and others, lately Published in the massachusetts Gazette, As a True Copy of the record, made in the Book of Records; for this Town, and attested by the Town Clerk, and whereas there is, in the S^d^ Published Protest an odium cast upon the Town, as acting arbitarily, which we think is false, without all votes are Deem^d^ arbitary, that are carried by a great majority. And also in Said Protest, it is asserted that the Town has refused to Dismiss, the Persons Stilling themselves the comittee of correspondence, for the Town And Also refused, so much, as to call on them to render, an account, of their past, Dark, and Pernicious proceeding Hereby falsely, and maliciously Slandering, the Town; as tho they Tollerated, Sundry Persons, in this Town to Stile themselves a committee of Corrispondence for the Town and to assume that character, And to act darkly and Perniciously with impunity, Whereas the Town, hath never been requested, to Dismiss any Person, or Persons as aforesaid neither hath there been any Person or Persons in this Town So Stileing themselves or assuming the character and acting as aforesaid Also in the Protest aforesaid, it is Declared that Committees of Correspondence in the Several Towns, of this Province are a grievance, and that they as they have been and now are managed, in this Town are a Nuisance, hereby Invidiously and

falsely Slandering the charactors of those very worthy Gent, of which our committee is Composed. And also the charactor of the whole Town as Tollerating a Nuisance. and whereas by the S^{d} Protest it appears that the Town Clerk, of this Town hath recorded it upon the Town Book of records Notwithstanding the many falsehoods and Slanders, therein contained & expresed against the Town and as we apprehend in violation of the Trust Reposed in him (if not his oath) For Remedy whereof, we think it would be proper and very much for the Safety of the Town to have the present, Town Clerk brought to give an account to the Town, by what athority he has Recorded in the Town Book of Records the Before mentioned falsehood and Slanders, against the Town and if he cannot vindicate himself to the Satisfaction of the Town; that he be Shown Such marks: of the Towns Disapprobation of his Conduct, as they Shall think proper; and the Said recorded Protest Erased from the Town Book.

And whereas the Port, and harbor, of Boston, is Blocked up: and the Trade and Commerce of that Town obstructed, and in a great measure annihilated and Distroyed; by a late act, or acts, of the British Parliament whereby we think many of the worthy Inhabitants, are berieved, of the means, of their Support; and are proper objects of our Charity. We Desire, that the Town, would come into some method; to make Some charitable Collections for the relief of the Distressed Poor of that Town, And also for the Town, to take under their Consideration, a late act of the British Parliament, (which we have been informed of by the Publick Prints and other ways) to Deprive us of Origonating; and holding Town meeting, in our Corporate Capacity, agreeable, to the Charter of this Province and antient and usual Custom——

And also, for the Town, to take any other act, or acts, of the British Parliament; under their Consideration, and to pass such votes & Resolves Relative thereunto as the Town shall think proper

And also for the Town, to chuse a committee if they think best, to wait on Such Persons in this Town as have not already Signed the agreement, or Covenant; for the Non Consumption of British Goods, that they may have an Opportunity of Signing the Same,

that being as we think, a lawfull, and Peaceble, measure which may have a Tendancy to obtain the Desired end, (viz a repeal of the act aforesaid) and prevent all the acts of violence which we abhor and Detest——

Worcester ss At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in first Parrish in Worcester on monday the twenty second day of August A D 1774

m^r^ Nathan Perry was Chosen moderator

Atest Clark Chandler Town Clerk

Voted that mess Joshua Bigelow, Jonas Hubbard, David Bancroft, Samuel Curtis, Jon^a^ Stone, Benjamin Flagg, & Josiah Peirce be a Committee to take under their Consideration the protest of Willm Elder, John Curtis and others and the Town Clerk for Recording the Same and make Report to the Town of their doings thereon at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted that the S lect men be a comittee to Recive any Artikles of Provisions &c the Inhabitants of this Town may give to the poor of the Town of Boston and that they the Said Select men take an account how much of any Kind of Provision &c each person gives and that they Send it to the Select men of Boston for the use of Said poor

Voted that mess^s^ Daniel Beard, Doct John Green, John Smith, David Bigelow, & Samuel millar be a Committee to take under their consideration the acts of the British Parliament Respecting America and Report to the Town of their doings thereon at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted that mess^s^ Jonathan Stone, David Bancroft, Josiah Peirce, Jonathan Rice, & David Chadwick be a Committee to offer those persons that have not Signed the agreement or Covenant for the Non Consumption of British Goods so that they may have an opportunity to Sign the Said grement or Covenant

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the twenty fourth Instant at two oClock afternoon Atst Nathan Perry mod^r^

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler Town Clerk

Worcester ss at a Town meeting he[l]d in Worcester at the meeting House by adjour[n]ment from monday August 22 to Wednesday the 24th Instant

The Committee appointed by the Town to take under consideration the protest of William Elder, John Curtis and others and the Town Clerk for Recording the Same Reported as Follows (viz)

Having taken under our consideration the protestation of mr William Elder, John Curtis and other inhabitants of Worcester published in the massachusetts Gazette of June 30th 1774 beg leave to offer the following——

That whareas the publication aforesaid was made as a protest of the Signers of it against the proceedings of the Town of Worcester, and contains in it a number of groundless reflections and aspertions against the inhabitants of the Town (Viz) It seems to be implied in the derection to the Printer, published at the front of the protest that the Singnors were the only persons in the Town that was freinds to truth Peace and Order and that they only was the Persons that had any Just apprehensions of the Ill Consequences arising by mobs and Riots &c. and that all the Rest of the Inhabitants acted Irregular and arbitrarily (notwithstanding the matters in Said meeting was fairly Debated) and that they was so destitute of Understanding as to be Led astray by evil minded Persons who was Endeavouring to reduce all things to a State of Disorder and Confusion hereby making themselves the Sole Judges of what is Rule and order and what is not : proceed to Stigmatize the Inhabitants as holding To Such bad opinions as to Prevent the Towns acting Prudently and for ye Generall Good——and it is also Implyed in the Publication aforesaid that this Town allows a Number of Persons in it To assume the Character of a Comittee of Correspondence for ye Town and To act Darkly and Perniciously with Impunity Contrary to Rule and Good Order : and in Violation of the Truth after with Unparralled arrogance Representing themselves as ye only friends to it asserts that the Town has Refused to Dismiss the Persons Stileing themselves a Comittee of Correspondence for ye Town when Setting aside the Inconsistency of the Towns Dismissing persons who had arrogated the Character

of a Comittee and Consequently not Chose by the Town they well knew that ye Town has not been Requested either to Dismiss Persons Stileing themselves a Comittee or those Gentlemen so denominated by the Town neither was their an article in ye Warrant for Calling Said Meeting to Dismiss any persons whatever from office nor so much as proposed in ye meeting

there is also a malignity Cast upon Comittees of Correspondence in Generall through the Continent and in particular against the Comittee Chosen by this Town without any Reason assigned for ye Same but this Opinion of the Protesters too Slender a foundation to asperce the Characters of the Town officers upon and have endeavoured to Insinuate into the minds of the Publick that the Men of which Comittees of Correspondence are Composed thro the Province are a Parcell of unprincipolled knaves who are endeavouring to Destroy the Lives and Propertys of the Peaceable and well Disposed and also alledging that it is by these Comittees that Papers have been Lately Published and wickedly tempting all Persons To Sign them which they Call unlawfull Combination Tinding directly to Civil War and Rebellion This Town knows of no Such Paper if it be the Non Consumption agreement enterd and Entering into thro this and the Neighbouring Provinces that is pointed at we take it upon us to Say that we much approve of ye Same that if Strictly adhered to will Save our money promote Industry frugallity and our own manufactories and tend directly to Prevent Civill war and Rebellion——and after offering their opinion of mobs Riots tumults Disorders and ye Proceedings of this Town do Cruelly and with Such Temerity as shews them to be Destitute of that Humanity and Christian Charity which we all in Duty owe one to the other Brand all that dont Joyn with them with the Characters of Enemies of our King and Country violalors of all Law and Civill Liberty the malevolent Disturbers of the Society Subvertors of the Established Constitution and Enemies to mankind and as it appears by the Said Publication that the Said Publication that is Recorded upon ye Town Book not withstanding the many aspertions and falshoods therein Contained against the People of this Town without the Liberty or Knowledge of the Town Therefore

Voted That the Town Clerk do in Presence of the Town obliterate erase or otherwise Deface the Said Recorded Protest and all ye Names thereto Subscribed So that it may become utterly Illegible and Unintelligeable[1]

Voted That the method taken by the Leaders in Protisting and Procuring a Very Considerable Number to Sign to the Protest that was not Voters in ye Town we think was a Peice of Low Cunning to Deceive the Publick and make their party appear more Numerous and formidible than it was in Reallity

Voted that the Signers of Said Protest on Some of whom the Town have Conferred many favours and Consequently might Expect their Kindest and best Services be Deemed unworthy of holding any Town office of Profit or Honour untill they have made Satisfaction for their offence to the acceptance of the Town which ought to be made as Publick as their Protest was

Voted that it is highly needful that those of the Signers who have not made Satisfaction as aforesaid Should be known in futer it is therefore necessary that their Names Should be hear inserted as follows (Viz)

James Putnam
Wm Paine
Isaac moore
John Walker
Joshua Johnson

Voted ye following admonition be given to the Town Clerk Vizt

Mr Clark Chandler whereas this Town at their annual Town meeting in March Last as well as for Severall years before Honoured you with Chusing you for their Clerk Relying upon you[r] fidelity that you wod act for the Honour of ye Town find themselves much Disappointed by your Conduct in recording on ye Town Book the Scandalous Protest of Wm Elder John Curtis and

[1] The requirements of this vote were complied with by the town clerk, who in open meeting with pen and finger dipped in ink, obliterated the obnoxious entry, so that it is "utterly illegible and unintelligeable." A fac-simile in heliotype of one page of the defaced record was published with the account of the centennial celebration at Worcester in 1876.

others filled with falshood and Reflections against this Town we have Just Reason to fear you was actuated in the matter by Unjustifyable motives and at this time Exhort you To be more Circumspect in ye Execution of your office and Never give this Town the Like Trouble of Calling a Town Meeting again on Such an Occasion The Town wishes To See your behaviour Such as may Restore you to their former Good Opinion of you

Whereas the Comittee of Correspondence for this Town willingly Laid all their Procedings before the Town when Requested and it thereby appears Notwithstanding the Ungenerous abuse heaped on them by ye Protestors that they have acted with diligince Care and Caution therefore Voted that the Thanks of this Town be and are hereby given to ye Comittee of Correspondence for their Circumspection and that they are directed To go on with their Vigilance in Corresponding with ye other Comittees in ye Severall Towns in this Province—also Voted that the beforegoing Transactions and Proceedings be Recorded in ye Town Book of Records and that an attested Copy be given to the Comittee of Correspondence for them to transmitt to ye Comittee of Correspondence for ye Town of Boston To be Published in the Massachusetts Gazette and also in ye Massachusetts Spy

all which is Humbly Submitted by

Joshua Bigelow
David Bancroft
Jonathan Stone
Benj^a^ Flagg
Josiah Peirce
Saml Curtis
Jonas Hubbard

Voted this Meeting be adjourned To ye 17th Day of October at one oClock afternoon to hear the Report of Samuel miller & Others

Attest Nathan Perry mod^r^

Enterd ℔ Clark Chandler Town Clerk

Worcester ss att a Town meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Worcester on monday ye 26 Day of September

1774 for the Choice of a Representative and other matters Contained in the Warrant for Calling Said Meeting

1 Mr Joshua Bigelow was Chosen Representative

2 Mr Joshua Bigelow was Chosen moderator

att Clark Chandler Town Clerk

3 on the third Article voted that Messrs Joshua Bigelow David Bancroft Jonathan Stone and Stephen Salisbury be added To the Standing Comittee of Correspondence for the Town

4 On the fourth Article Voted that the purchasing of Cannon be Considered at the adjournment of this Meeting also Voted that Jacob Hemenway Edward Crafts and David Bigelow be a Comittee To Provide Carriages for four Cannon

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned To the 17th Day of October Next at two oClock afternoon

Joshua Bigelow Moderator

Enterd from ye original ℔ Clark Chandler Town Clerk

Meet on Said 17th Day of October and Dissolved

att Clark Chandler Town Clark

Worcester ss at a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Worcester on Monday the fourth Day of October A : D 1774 for To act on the Matters Contained in the warrants ▾

Mr Josiah Peirce was Chosen moderator

attest Clark Chandler Town Clerk

On the Second Article in the warrant Voted that Mr Joshua Bigelow Representative for the Town have Instructions for the Rule of his Conduct at the Great and Generall Court of this Province

On the Third Article Voted that Proper Instructions be Given to Mr Timothy Bigelow the Delegate Chosen by the Town To Represent us at the Provincial Congress To be Convened at Concord on the Second Tuesday of October Currant

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Voted that Mess[rs] David Bancroft Jonathan Stone Nathan Baldwin Samuel Curtis and Stephen Salisbury be a Committee to draw up the two fore mentioned Instructions and make Report to this meeting in two Hours which Report being Read and the Question being put whither the Town would accept the Same and it passed in y[e] affirmative and their Report was as follows

Worcester Oct[br] 4 : 1774

To M[r] Joshua Bigelow

Sir The Free Electors of the Town of Worcester being greatly arlarmed at the Unconstitutional authority assumed by the British Parliament in Severall of their Late acts Some of which already have and others which are Intended To Opperate in this Province To the Intire Subversion of all we hold Valuable in our Charter and which we have an Indubitable Right To Enjoy by the Laws of Nature and by the Principles of the Christian Religion as well as by the Compact Contained in Said Charter Therefore that the Cruel acts that have already been carried into Execution to the Great Detriment and Distress of this Province and Dangerous to the Inhabitants of the whole Continent of America may Cease to Operate any Longer To the entire Stoppage of Commerce with Great Brittain the Dishonor of his Majesty and the Parliament and that those other acts which have Not yet Operated may be prevented from ever being Carried into Execution and we thereby Reduced to pay obedience To the acts of any future Venal Corrupt administration which may deprive us of Life and Property with Impunity for the Prevention whereof and the Security of all and every of our Natural and Charter Rights we have Chosen you to Represent us in the Great and General Court of this Province Reposing Special Trust in Your Wisdom and fortitude give you the following Instructions as the Rule of your Conduct respecting the particulars hereafter mentioned and not to Receed from the most Rigid Virtue in Recovering and Defending all other our Rights and Libertys herein not Expressly mentioned that may come under Your Consideration

1 agreeable to the Recommendation of the Comittees of Correspondence for this County in Convention we Instruct you absolutely To Refuse to be Sworn by any Officer or Officers but Such as are or may be appointed according To the Constitution or to act as one Branch of the Legislature in Concert with any other Except Such as are or may be appointed and Supported according to the Charter of this Province and that you Refuse To give your attendance at Boston while the Town is Invested with Troops and Ships of War and Should there be anything To prevent your acting with Such a Governour and Councill as is Expresly Set forth in the Charter that then you Immediately Repair To the Town of Concord and there Joyn in a Provincial Congress with Such other Members as are or may be Chosen for that Purpose To act and Determine on Such Measures as you Shall Judge proper To Extricate this Colony out of its present unhappy Circumstances—— Thus far Sir has the Body of this County Resolved as proper Instructions for the Representatives that might be Chosen in their Severall Towns To Meet at Salem the former part of which we Should have adopted Verbatim with the addition of Severall other Articles as proper rules for you to have observed as a member of the Great and General Court provided you had Not been Excused and Discharged therefrom by the Governours proclamation the Latter we do adopt as proper to direct you To attend at Concord aforesaid with M^{r}. Tim^{o}. Bigelow who we have Chosen To Represent us in the Provincial Congress To be holden there and Strictly adhere To ye Instructions given him for ye Rule of your Conduct in Said Congress respecting the Particulars therein Contained

By order of the Comittee

David Bancroft Chairman

Enterd from

To Mr Timothy Bigelow Sir as you are delegated To Represent the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester in a Provincial Congress To be Convened at Concord on the Second Tuesday of Octb^{r}. Instant the following is offered and Enjoyned upon you as the Instructions of us your Constituents which you are to observe

and follow as a member of Said Congress (Vizt) as the first Charter given to this Colony was Violated and as we think wrongfully wrested from us by Great Britain and that our Second and Late Charter is Nullifyed and Destroyed by Late acts of the British Parliaments (Vizt) by their assuming the authority of making Laws binding upon us in all Cases whatever and To enforce our Complyance have Sent Ships of War and Blocked the Port and Harbour of our metropolis and Troops in Hostile array To Dragoon the People and the Governour made Independent of the People for his Support and mantling our Capital in Such a manner as may Reduce the worthy Inhabitants To a military Government

Therefore that you Endeavour in the most Peaceable way & Obtain a Redress of the following Greivances first that the Port and Harbour of Boston be opened and the freedom of Trade Restored, and the Kings Troops be Removed out of this Province and the Command of the Fortification So Called at the South End of Boston be Resigned to the Inhabitants and ye Commander of the Kings Troops be prohibited from Erecting any fortress or making any Intrenchments within ye Town of Boston or Near any of the avenues Leading to it

2rd That the Province Store of Ammunition Lately Removed by the Kings Troops from the Arsenal in Charlestown be Returned To the Place from whence it was Taken or into the Care of Such Person or Persons as you Shall appoint To Receive and keep the Same for the use of this Province and that all the ammunition in the Maggazine in Boston be Delivered to the Proper owners if by them Requested

3rd that Every of those Incorrigeable Enemies to this Country who have lately been appointed by mandamus from his Majesty as Councellors and have accepted a Seat at the Councill Board of this Province and Shall Not Resign their Said office of Councellor before the Second Tuesday of this Instant be Impeached as Traitors to the Constitution of this Province and that they be Taken into Custody and Secured for Tryal

4th That you Endeavour that the Provincial Congress Depute an agent or agents from that Body To go to Cannada and there Treat

with the Inhabitants in ye Name and on ye Behalf of the People of this Province and Establish Such Rules of Conduct to be observed by them and us as may be for the Mutual Benefit of Both and give assurances to them on our Part of that friendship which Some of their Inhabitants have Nobly Displayed in a Late Generous Donation To the oppressed Suffering Poor of Boston for which we would in this Publick manner Return our Gratefull Thanks and which we would willingly Refund in ye Same Species if a Change of Circumstances Required it which God Grant may never be the Case with any of our Generous Benefactors

5th That if all Infractions on our Right by acts of the British Parliament be not redressed and we Restored to the full Enjoyment of all our Priviledges Contained in ye Charter of this Province Granted by their Late Majestys King William and Queen Mary To a Punctillio before the Day of your Meeting That then and in that Case you are to Consider the People of this Province as absolved on their Part from ye obligation therein Contained and to all Intents and purposes reduced to a State of Nature and you are to Exert yourself in Divising ways and means To Raise from the Dissolution of the Old Constitution as from the Ashes of the Phenix a New form wherein all officers Shall be Dependent on the Suffrages of the People for their Existence as Such whatever unfavourable Constructions our Enemies may put upon Such a Procedure the Exigency of our Publick affairs Leaves us no other alternative from a State of Anarchy or Slavery

6th You are to Give diligent attention To the advice and Result which you may Receive from the Continental Congress Now Sitting at Philadelphia as we Shall Esteem it the greatest Happiness To Have the approbation of our Sister Colonies in all matters Respecting our mode of Government and therefore if your advices from Said Congress Should Not perfectly Coincide with these our Instructions respecting the mode of Government for this Province you are to desist from acting any further on that matter untill you have our further Instructions anything herein Contained to the Contrary Notwithstanding

7th That whereas the Comission officers in ye Militia of this Province have generally resigned their Comissions and ye People have formed themselves into Military Companies and Chosen officers of their Respective Companies feild officers &c. Notwithstanding all which it is highly Necessary that there be a Captain Generall to preside over ye whole we therefore Instruct you that you Endeavour that there be Such a Captain Generall advised To by the Provincial Congress as soon as may be

8th The foregoing you are to adhere To and Religiously observe in all Respects according to the Nature of your Office and as the way and means for ye Recovery and Defence of our Rights Libertys and Priviledges

By order of the Committee
David Bancroft Chairman

Voted that this meeting be Dissolved
Atest Josiah Peirce moderator

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Worcester ss at a Town meeting held in Worcester on the Seventeenth Day of October by an adjournment from an adjournment of the 24th of August Last

The Committee appointed on the 22d Day of August last to take under Consideration the late acts of the British Parliament & the Question being put whither the Town would accept the Same & on Dabate it appeared that the County Convention had acted on the Same matters therefore Voted not to have the Same Recorded on the Town Book of Records

Also Voted that the Recantation of Wm Campbell be Recorded on the Town Book he having given Satisfaction to the Town Voted that he be Restored to favour

The aforegoing Votes passed at Said [meeting]
Attest Nathan Perry moderator

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

To the Inhabitants of the Town ot Worcester; Gen^{t}. Whereas I the Subscriber, with a Number of others, Signed a protest against the Proceedings of this Town, and the Same was published in the Boston Gazette in June Last, wherein the Inhabitants was unjustly reflected upon, in general, and the Committee of Correspondence for this Town in Particular, and also the whole body of Committees of Corrispondence throughout the whole Province, for which I am heartily Sorry and ask the forgiveness of all the inhabitants of the Town, and the Justly offended Publick. and also for any other offence, that I may have given by any means, whether in Words or actions, and I heartily Request your acceptance of this Sincere acknowledgement, and that if either of the inhabitants has any other particular Charge against me for any perticular of my Conduct, that they would make it known, that I may have the opportunity of giving Christian Satisfaction which I ever Shall Stand ready to Comply with Witness my Hand William Campbell

Worcester Octr. 5 : 1774

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Worcester ss at a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 17th Day of October at three oClock afternoon

1 Mr Josiah Peirce, was Chosen moderator

Atest Clark Chandler Town Clerk

2 Voted that the following Sums be granted as follows (viz)

	£	s	d
Twenty pounds for Support of the poore of the Town	20	0	0
To the Select men to Enable them to pay the mony they Borrowed of the Honble Timothy Paine Esqr to Discharge the Execution of Ebenezer Bradish against the assessors Principle 6: 18/ 4 Interest one year Ending the 20th of April Next 8/5	7	6	9
To Josiah Peirce & Timo Bigelow a Comittee to Defend a Presentment of the Town	2	18	2
To Wm Yong for 120 feet Plank		9	7¼
To Ephraim millar for 140 feet Plank		11	2
To John Chamberlain for 164 feet Plank		13	
To William mahon for 50 feet Plank		4	
	£32	2	8¼

Jonathan Grout agreed to keep Benony Grout at three Pistereens a week one year from this time

3 on the third article for the Inhabitants to bring in a list of their Rateable Estates in order for a Just assessment

4 On the fourth article Voted that ye money Granted in march and may last also the money Granted at this meeting Except the minister tax & takeing care of the meeting House be put in one tax

5th Article Voted that the afore mentioned monies be paid into the Town Treasurer (Viz) one half by the first Day of January Next and the other Half by the first Day of march Next

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the 25th Instant at two oClock afternoon

Atest Josiah Peirce, moderator

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Worcester ss At a Town meeting held in Worcester by adjournment from monday October 17 : 1774 to the 25th Instant at two oClock afternoon

Voted that the following Sums be Granted for the following Purposes (Viz)

Voted that the sum of thirty six pounds be Granted to the Select men to purchase Ammunition to Compleat the Town they to be accountable	£36		
Voted that the Committee appointed in September last to provide Carriges for four Cannon provide for but three (Viz) the three Small Cannon and Voted that the Sum of thirty Eight pounds be Granted to the Select men for mounting the three Said Cannon they to be accountable for Said Sum	38	0	0
To Jona Rice the Sum of two pound 12/10 for his time trouble and Expenses in geting the Cannon out of Boston	2	12	10
To Jona Stone the Sum of two pounds for his time Trouble and Expences for geting Cannon out of Boston	2	0	0

To Edward Knight for Carting two Cannon from Brookline	1	6	8
To Wm Dana for Carting one Do Do Do	1	13	4
To Samuel Whitney for Carting one Do Do Do	1	13	4
	£83	6	2

Voted that the Committee appointed to provide Carriges for the three Small Cannon provide timber directly for the two large Cannon

Voted the moneys Granted at this meeting be assest with the monies Granted before

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the Second Tuesday of November Next at one oClock afternoon

Attest Josiah Peirce moderator

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Worcester ss at a Town Meeting held In Worcester on ye Twenty fifth Day of October A : D 1774

Mr Josiah Peirce was Chosen Moderator

Attest Clark Chandler Town Clark

The Question being put whether the Town would act on the article Contained in the warrant and it passed in ye affirmative

Voted that Messrs. John Kelso, Nathan Baldwin and Ebenezer Lovell be a Comittee of Inspection To Examine from time To Time the Merchants and Traders of this Town whether they do Not offer for Sale any Goods wares or Merchandise that were in any manner Imported or purchased Contrary To ye Spirit and Intent of ye Solemn League and Covenant which this Town has Entered Into

The aforegoing Vote passed at S^d^ meeting

attest Josiah Peirce Moderator

Entered from ye original ℔^r^ Clark Chandler Town Clerk

Worcester ss at a Town Meeting held in Worcester on ye 8th Day of November A : D 1774 from an adjournment from ye 25th of October Last

The Question being put whether the Town would Grant any money for to purchase ammunition and Shot for ye Cannon which was Lately ordered by the Town To be mounted and it passed In ye Negative

Voted that this Meeting be Dissolved

Atest Josiah Peirce, moderator

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Worcester ss at a Town meeting held in Worcester on the third Day of January A D 1775 agreeable to the Warrant

first m^r^ Josiah Peirce was Chosen moderator

Attest Clark Chandler Town Clerk

2 Article the Question being put whether the Town would Chuse a Comittee of Inspection agreeable to the Recomendation of the Continental Congress to Carry their association into Execution and to Give Said Comittee Such Instructions as the Town Shall think proper & it passed in the affirmative

Voted that Jonathan Stone, Samuel millar, Nathan Perry, David Bancroft, Samuel Curtis Silas moore, Jonathan Rice, Thomas Knight Samuel mcraken, Robert Smith, John Green & David Bigelow be a Comittee for the abovesaid purpose also Voted William Yong Nathan Baldwin & Joshua Bigelow be a Comittee to Draw up Instructions for the above said Comittee and Lay the same before the Town at the adjournment of this meeting

3 Article Voted that it is Recommended to the Company of minute men that they Disapline themselves in the miletary art untill the month of march Next & then the Town to give them proper Incouragement after that time

4 Article Voted that William Yong, Nathan Baldwin & Joshua Bigelow be a Comittee to Draw up proper Instructions for the Collectors of Taxes for this Town Respecting the Publick moneys and Lay the Same before the Town at the adjournment of this meeting

5th Article mr Timothy Bigelow was Chosen to Represent the Town in a Provincial Congress according to a Recommendation of our Late Congress also Voted that Nathan Baldwin, David Bancroft & Jonathan Stone be a Comittee to draw up Instructions for him and Lay the same before the Town at the adjournment of this meeting

6th Article Refered to the adjournment of this meeting[1]

7 Article the Question being put whether the Town would dispose of the two Largest Cannon belonging to the Town to some one or other Neighbouring Town and it passed in the affirmative Voted that the Select men be a Comittee to dispose of the Said Two Cannon

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the 24th Instant at two oClock afternoon Atest Josiah Peirce modr

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Worcester ss at a Town meeting held in Worcester by an adjournment from the third Day of January A D 1775 to the 24th Instant

The Comittee appointed to Draw up Instructions for the Committee of Inspection to see that the Recomendation of the Continental Congress be put into Execution made Report as follows— voted that the Committee of Inspection for this Town (Viz) mesrs Jona Stone, Samuel millar, Nathan Perry, David Bancroft, Samuel Curtis, Silas moore, Jonathan Rice, Thomas Knight, Samuel mcraken, Robert Smith, John Green & David Bigelow or any Seven of them be a quorum to Cause the association of the Continental Congress to be Strictly executed agreeable to a recommendation of the Provencial Congress held at Cambridge Decr 5th 1774 reference thereto being had their Duty may fully appear in the particulars thereof

The Comittee appointed to draw up Instructions for the Collectors of taxes for this Town made Report as follows——

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[1] Report of the committee to settle accounts with the town treasurer.

We the Subscribers being Chosen a Committee to Draw up proper Instructions for the Collectors of taxes for this Town respecting publick moneys and Lay the same before the Town beg leave to Report as follows (Viz)

That as all publick monies, ever ought to be appropriated for the Greatest publick benefit and our late Provincial Congress have recommended that the Inhabitants of every Town & district within this Province do oblige and compell their respective constables and Collectors to comply with and execute their Resolve passed in Congress held in Cambridge October 28: 1774 making Henry Gardner Esq[r] of Stow Reciver General &c. We do approve of the Said Resolve and do order and Strickly enjoin upon messr[s]. Jon[a]. Rice and David Thomas, Collectors of taxes for this Town, to Govern themselves according to Said resolve in paying all the Province monies now in their hands Respectively or which they may either of them Collect by Virtue of any Assessment in any or either of their possessions or that Either of them may hereafter recive from the assessors of this Town untill we otherwise order and we will indemnify them for their Compleance herewith

W[m] Yong
Joshua Bigelow
Nathan Baldwin

The above Report being Laid before the Town and the Question being put whither the Town would accept the same and it passed in the affirmative

The Comittee appointed to Draw up Instructions to m[r] Timothy Bigelow Chosen to Represent this Town in a Provincial Congress to be Holden at Cambridge made Report as follows

To m[r] Timothy Bigelow S[r]. at this Day of difficulty and tryal in America in General, and in this Province in perticular, by means of Several acts of the British Parliment, whereby we are deprived of the advantage of civil government, agreeable to the Rights, Liberties, Priviledges of Englishmen, the Governor of the Province invested with a power of making & unmaking many of our officers in such a maner as Renders our executive & Courts dangerous to the lives, liberties, and properties of all such as shall oppose the

establishment of a Dispotick Government in this Province. and his being made independent of the people of this Province for his Sallery we apprehend has such influence upon his Conduct that we have Just ground to fear he will pay more regard to the Instructions that he may recive from the British ministry than to the Wellfare of this Province or the English Constitution of Government

He hath allready (we think wantonly) dissolved one General assembly of this Province, and issued writs for calling another, and in an unpreceden[t]ed maner dissolved said writ before the day on which said Court was to meet; and no other like to be called that we know off. By these means we being deprived of the advantage of such a General Court or assembly as the Charter of this Province intitles us to, are constrained instead thereof to hold a Provincial Congress agreeable to the Recommendation of our Late Congress held at Cambridge. Therefore we have made Choice of you to represent us in the Said Congress at this critical and important crissis of our publick affairs, when the fate of millions depend, upon our wise cool and prudent conduct; you we make no doubt will be duly Sensible of the great & important trust reposed in you by us your constituents. the uncertainty of events may cause many matters to come under your consideration which will require your utmost fortitude, which we cannot give you perticular instructions upon at this time, but the following we give you as the rule of your conduct Respecting the matters hereafter mentioned (Viz)

First That you endeavour that if the Provincial Congress should meet at Cambridge agreeable to the Recomendation of our late Congress that they immediately adjourn from Cambridge to some Town in the Country at a greater distance from Boston

Second That you are very Carefull in Disposing of the publick monies especially that you do not give your Consent to any Extravagant grants if any such should be proposed to be made to any person or persons for their Services

Third That you Endeavour that the members Chosen by our late Provincial Congress to Sitt in a Continentall Congress to be

Holden at Philadelphia in may next may be instructed as early in their Sessions as possable to obtain the advice of the members thereof what measures are the most proper for this Province to adopt respecting civil Government, which at this day we are deprived off.

And we determine to rest quietly in this Situation however perplexing agreable to the recomendation of our late Continentall Congress untill the opperations of their petition to his majesty be Known. Excepting the Commencment of hostilities against us should require the adopting a form of Civil Government for the defence of our lives and properties and under such exigency you are to conduct your Self accordingly and endeavour the best form possable be adopted for the Support of Good order and the liberties of the people which we think must and shall make every Servant of the publick Dependant upon the Suffrages of the people for their authority

Nathan Baldwin
Jonathan Stone

The three above mentioned Reports being Laid before the Town for their acceptance the Question being put whether the [Town] would accept the Same as Instructions for the purposes therein mentioned and it passed in the affirmative

Josiah Peirce moderator

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the sixth day of march A D. 1775 after legal warning for the Choice of Town officers &c and to transact other matters agreeable to the several artickles Contained in the Warrant

att said meeting m^r^ William Young was Chosen moderator
attest Clark Chandler Town Clerk

m^r^ Joshua Bigelow Capt Benj^a^ Flagg m^r^ William Young Lieu^t^. Josiah Peirce m^r^ Jonathan Stone Lieu^t^ Sam^ll^ Curtis Deac^n^ Sam^ll^ miller Select men & assessors and Overseers of the Poore

Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Lieu^{t} Nathan Perry Town Treasurer

Joshua Whitney David Bigelow Comfort Rice Wardens

John Smith Sam^{ll} m^{c}Craken Constables

John Smith was Excused at ye adjournment & m^{r} David Chaddick was Chosen in his Stead

Jonas Hubbard Collector

Sam^{ll} m^{c}Craken Sealer of tannd & Curried leather

Timothy Biggelow Ephraim Curtis Clerks of the market

David Bigelow Phinehas Ward Surveyors of Bords shingles hoops & staves

Nathan Perry Ebenezer Willington Willm mahon Solomon Bixby Sam^{ll} Curtis David Bigelow Sam^{ll} miller Willm Young Jonas Nichos Willm Taylor Daniel Beard Benjamin Whitney James Barber Surveyors of the high ways & Collectors of high way Taxes

Daniel Johnson Joshua Whitney Fence Viewers

Benjamin Stoel William Gates Jonas Nichols Tything men

Ebenezer Barber Joseph Barber Deer Reeves

Joshua Whitney William Gates Field Drivers

William Dana Robert Cook William Brown Solomon Johnson Junr Sam^{ll} Eaton Jonas Cutting Joseph miller Joseph Hastings Hog Reeves

a County Treasurer voted for

Voted on the third artickle in the Warrant that the sum of seven pounds be and hereby is Granted unto Jonas Hubbard for Collecting the Taxes the Currant year and that he give bond with sufficient Bondsmen to the Town Treasurer to pay the money that shall be Granted & assessed the Currant year and Commited to him to Collect

On the fourth artickle Voted that One Hundred pounds be & hereby is Granted for the support of the schools the Currant year, which with the school Intrest money being five pounds be applied for the support of schools in the same way and manner as was voted the last year, Excepting the alteration made by the

following grants of Petitions on file (viz) Voted that Thomas Nichols, Will[m] m[c]Farland, Jacob Chamberlain, Joseph Wyley, Paul Kingston,, John Chamberlain & Thadeus Chamberlain have such Proportion of School money as they Pay to be imployed in schooling their Children. Voted that Josiah Knight and Jonathan Lovel be taken of from Curtises Quarter and be aded to Peirces Quarter for schooling. Voted that Parkers quarter or district for Schooling be allowed to be Divided by the inhabitants of said quarter into two Distinct Districts as they shall agree. Voted that the following persons be a Committee to provide School masters the Currant year (viz) Timothy Bigelow for the Grammer school Samuel Mower, William M[c]Farland, Samuel Clark, William Gates, Comfort Rice, Solomon Bixby, Noah Jones, John Greene, Robert Smith & Ezekiel How for English schools. Voted that Amos Wheeler, Joseph Sprague and David Thomas have their school money provided that they be under the direction of the Committee man of Tatneck quarter for the laying out & disposing of the same

Voted on the fifth artickle that Sam[ll] Brown David Bancroft and William Dana be a Committee to settle accounts with the Town Treasurer.

Voted on the sixth artickle that the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds be Granted Levied and assessed on the poles and Estates in said Town the Currant year to be Expended in building Bridges & Causeyways and repairing such as are decayed and in puting & keeping the Roads in good repair the Currant year and that the same wages be allowed labourers at the highway as was the last year, and that the same be worked out by or before the first day of october next and that the Select mene squadron out to Each Surveyor the persons that shall work under them so that Each Surveyor have a tax in proportion to his Labor, and that such of the inhabitants as worked out more than his or their tax the last year be allowed for the same out of the present years tax he or they producing proper Certificates thereof, and those that have not worked out their last years tax may have liberty to work out the same provided they do it by or before the twenty fifth day of June next

Voted that the Seventh artickle[1] be refered to the adjournment of this meeting.

On the Eighth artickle Voted Liberty for the swine to go at large provided they are yoked & ringed according to law.

Voted that the ninth artickle[2] be refered to the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted that the Tenth artickle[3] be refered to the adjournment of this meeting

Voted that the Eleventh artickle[4] be refered to the adjournment of this meeting.

On the twelfth artickle Voted that messrs Joshua Bigelow Samll miller & Nathan Perry be a Committee to treat with mr Simon Gates and all such persons as own land, through which the Select men have lately laid out a road leading from the Country Road near Elisha Gurneys to micah Johnsons Respecting the Damages they severally do or shall sustain by means of Said Road being laid through their lands and make report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted that the thirteenth artickle[5] be Refered to the adjournment of this meeting.

On the fourteenth artickle Voted that the Select men be a Committee to take proper Care of the Town stock of ammunition

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the 20th Day of march Instant at one of the clock afternoon at this place

Willm Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal attest

℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Worcester ss. march 6 1775 Then Came before me the subscriber one of his majestys Justices of the peace for the County of Worcester the following persons Elected into the following offices in the Town of Worcester namely.

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[1] Refers to ministerial interest money.

[2 3 4 5] These articles have reference to new roads.

Joshua Bigelow, Benjamin Flagg, William Young, Josiah Peirce, Samuel miller Chosen assessors—Nathan Perry Town Treasurer—Joshua Whitney David Bigelow & Comfort Rice Wardens—Samuel m^{c}Craken Constable—Jonas Hubbard Collector of taxes—Samuel m^{c}Craken Sealer of Tanned & curied leather—Timothy Bigelow Clerk of the market—David Bigelow, Phinehas Ward Surveyors of Bords hoops &c—Nathan Perry, Ebenezer Willington, William mahan, Solomon Bixby, Samuel Curtis, David Bigelow Sam^{ll} miller William Young, Jonas Nichols, William Taylor, Daniel Beard & Benjamin Whitney Surveyors of high ways and Collectors of the high way Tax–Daniel Johnson, Joshua Whitney fence Viewers —Benjamin Stoel, William Gates Jonas Nichols Tything men—Joseph Barber Deer Reeve—Joshua Whitney & William Gates field Drivers—and made Oath that they would Respectively Discharge their Respective Trusts aforementioned according to Law

Tim^{o} Paine

Entered from the Origonal

Attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Worcester ss} march 13 1775 To m^{r} Sam^{ll} m^{c}Craken one of the Constables of the Town of Worcester. You are hereby Directed to notify the persons hereafter named being legally Chosen into the several offices herein mentioned by the Town of Worcester at their annual meeting in said Town on the Sixth Day of march Currant, to Repair to some Justice of the peace within this County and there make oath to the faithfull Discharge of the offices to which they are Respectively Chosen, and that they do the same within six days from the Date hereof, and thereof bring Certificate to us. viz Sam^{ll} Curtis assessor—Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk—John Smith second Constable—Ephr^{m} Curtis Clerk of the market—Eben^{r} Barber Deer Reeve—Willm Dana, Robert Cook, Willm Brown, Solomon Johnson Junr. Sam^{ll} Eaton Jonas Cuting, Joseph miller, Joseph Hastings Hog Reeves

Joshua Bigelow Josiah Peirce
Benjamin Flagg Jon^{a} Stone
Willm Young Sam^{ll} miller

Select men of Worcester

In Obedience to the within Warrant to me Directed I have Notified the several persons herein Named to Repair to some Justice of the peace within this County and there make oath to the faithfull Discharge of the offices to which they are respectively Chosen and that they do the Same within six days from the Date of the within Warrant, and thereof bring Certificates to the Select men of Worcester

Worcester march 17 1775 Sam[l] mCraken Constable of Worcester

Entered from the Origonal

attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Worcester march 18 1775 M[r]. Nathan Baldwin Chosen to the office of Town Clerk within the Town of Worcester, Came before the subscriber one of his majesties [justices] of the peace within and for the County of Worcester and maketh Oath that he will diligently and faithfully attend and discharge the duty of his place, and duly observe the Directions of the Law in all things whereunto his office hath Relation and thereby Committed to his Care and Charge att[e] Tim[o] Paine

Worcester ss 13 march 1775 Jon[a] Stone Chosen one of the assessors for the Town of Worcester was Sworn according to law faithfully to perform said office

before Tim[o] Paine Justis pac[s]

Worcester ss march 18 1775 m[r] Sam[ll] Curtis Chosen an assessor of Taxes in the Town of Worcester at the annual march meeting for this year Came before me & was sworn as the law directs to the faithfull Discharge of his office

Tim[o] Paine Justis Pacis

Worcester ss March 20 1775 m[r] Ephraim Curtis made Oath according to Law faithfully to Discharge the office of Clerk of the market in the Town of Worcester to which he is Chosen at the annual meeting in Worcester in march Currant

before Tim[o] Paine Just[s] Paci[s]

Worcester ss 17 march 1775 Then Jonas Cutting Chosen a hog reave in the Town of Worcester at the annual meeting in march Currant, made Oath according to Law faithfully to discharge the Duty of his office Before Tim° Paine Just Paci[s]

Worcester ss march 17 1775 Will[m] Brown made oath faithfully to discharge the office of hog reave according to law in the town of Worcester to which office he was chosen at the annual meeting in march Currant Before Tim° Paine Just[s] Pacis

Worcester ss 20th march 1775 Then Joseph Hastings Came before me and was sworn to the faith full Discharge of his office as Hogreave in the Town of Worcester to which he was Chosen in march Currant Tim° Paine Just Pacis

Worcester ss 25 march 1775 m[r] Joseph miller Chosen at the annual meeting in march Currant an hog reave in the Town of Worcester Came before me and made Oath faithfully to attend & Discharge the Duty of his office according to Law
Tim° Paine Just[s] Pacis

Worcester ss April 18 1775 Sam[ll] Whitney a Hogreave at the annual meeting in Worcester in march last made Oath faithfully to discharge his office in and by all the perticulars of the law whereto it hath Relations before Tim° Paine Justs Pacis

Entered from the Origonal Certificates
Attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester by adjournment from monday march the 6th to the 20th day of march Instant at one of the Clock afternoon at this place.

M[r] William Young being moderator

On the Ninth artick[le][1] in the Warrant the Request being withdrawn.

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[1] See page 256.

Voted on the Tenth artickle to accept of a two rod Road laid out at the Request of Benjamin Chapin & others through Lands of said Chapin and land of Francis Cutting said road begining at the End of a Road formerly laid out to said Cutings Dwelling House at a heap of stones from thence to the west End of said Cuttings Barn thence to a heap of stones in said Cuttings land, thence to a heap of stones in the line between said Cutings land and said Chapins land thence to a Rock with stones upon it thence to a heap of stones thence to a stake and stones in the southwesterly Corner of Benjamin Chapin Junr field the Road to be on the West side of said marks

Voted on the Eleventh artickle to accept of the Road laid out at the Request of Jonathan Stone and Others said Road to be two Rods wide & leads from the meeting House near the south part of the Town to oxford line, begining at a Walnut Tree near said meeting House thence to a chesnut tree, to a white Oak tree, to a pitch pine tree, to a white pine tree to a maple tree, then streight to oxford line the Road to be on the south side said marks, the said Road is laid out Throug land of Thomas Drewry.

(Voted not to accept the road mentioned in the twelfth artickle)

On the thirteenth artickle Voted not to accept of the Bridle way therein mentioned Willm Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

The Select men made the following Report to the Town Relative to the money arising by the sale of the ministerial land &c viz that the said money remains in the hands of

Willm Yong & Robert Henry	£116	0	0
David Sanderson Jno Stoel & Jon^{a} marble	50	0	0
John Child Isaac Smith & Jonas Ward	40	0	0
Palmer Goulding John Boyden & Corn^{ls} Stoel	35	17	10
noah Jones & Daniel Boyden	20	0	0
Eben^{r}. Willington & Edwd Knight	13	6	8
Phin^{s}. Ward Sam^{ll} Curtis & David Richardson	22	15	0

John Boyden & James Nichols	33	6	8
David Bigelow & Jonas Ward	35	16	8
	£367	2	10

That they have not Rec[d] any Intrest on any of said Bonds Except Childs and not paid any of it to M[r] Macarty.

Worcester march 6 1775 — Timothy Paine, Benj[a] Flagg, Josiah Peirce } Select men of Worcester for 1774

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 20th day of march A D 1775 after legal warning for the same to act on the matter Contained in the warrant

M[r] William Young Chosen moderator

att[s] Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Voted on the second artickle that Each one of the minute men belonging to the Town of Worcester to the number of seventy two, that shall punctually attend to train one half Day in Each week, shall be paid by the Town one shiling ℔ man for each half days service, from and after the 6th Day of march Instant, for so many half days as they shall train more than other Companies shall do that belong to this Town, untill the Town shall other way Order. and all those that have Inlisted as minute men that shall not punctually attend when notified by their Commanding officer or his Order shall each pay one shilling out of their wages for each and every such of their neglect or neglects. Voted that if any of the minute men remove out of this Town or fail to attend their Duty as minute men when Called to action that such of them shall forfeit all their wages before granted

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 8th day of may next at two OClock afternoon to meet at this place

Will[m] Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal

Attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting house in Worcester by adjournment from monday the 20th Day of march 1775 to the 8th of may 1775 at two oClock afternoon to meet at this place

The Town being met according to adjournment Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the twenty second day of may Inst at four of the Clock P M at this Place

Entered from the Origonal Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

May the 22 1775 The Town being met agreeable to the adjournment Voted that this meeting be further adjourned to the third monday of October next at one of the Clock P M at this place

Entered from the Origonal Nathan Baldwin T Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 16th Day of October 1775 by adjournment from may the 22 1775 Voted that this meeting be further adjourned to the first monday in march Next to meet at this place at nine of the Clock in the forenoon

att William Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal

Attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting Legally warned and held at the meeting House in Worcester may the 22nd 1775 at three of the Clock in the afternoon by the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town quallified to vote in Town affairs and for a Representative

On the first artickle in the Warrant Mr David Bancroft was Chosen to Represent this Town in a Provincial Congress to be Convened at Watertown on the 31st day of may Instant and to Continue in said office if need be six months and no longer.

On the second artickle m[r] William Young was Chosen moderator attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

On the first artickle Voted that Mess[rs]: William Young, Josiah Peirce, Nathan Baldwin Jonathan Stone and Sam[ll] Curtis be a Committee to draw up instructions proper to be given to M[r] David Bancroft respecting his Conduct in the Provincial Congress and lay the same before the Town for their acceptance at the adjournment of this meeting

On the third artickle Voted that the sum of Twenty pounds be Granted to the Select men to enable them to support the poor and they to give account to the Town how the same be laid out	£20 0 0
On the fourth [artickle] Voted that the sum of Eighty pounds be Granted to the Revd. Mr Mecarty for his Sallery Commencing in June next	80
On the fifth artickle Voted that the Sum of three pounds be granted to the select men to be applied towards taking Care of the meeting house and ringing the bell and they to account to the Town for the same	3

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the 29th day of may instant to meet at this place at five oClock after noon

Will[m] Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester held by adjournment from may the 22nd to may y[e] 29 instant

On the Petition of Jacob Hemingway, Robert Gray, James m[c]-Farland, Sam[ll] Miller, Ephraim miller, W[m] Jenison Sterne, John Moore, and Moses Miller, Praying that they might be allowed to have their own school money and lay it out among themselves for the education of their Children they being very remote from those schools that are kept.

Voted that the prayer of this petition be granted for the present year and that the money be under the inspection of the Committee man for that quarter.

The Committee Chosen by the Town at their last meeting to draw up proper instructions to be given to M^r. David Bancroft Respecting his Conduct in the Provincial Congress Returned the following and the Town by a unanimous vote accepted the same which is as follows.

To Mr David Bancroft S^r. The Town of Worcester having Chosen you their Delegate to Represent them in the Provincial Congress to be Convened and held at Watertown upon the 31st Day of may Instant and so de die in diem during their Session & Sessions for six months from the said 31st day of may and no longer. And notwithstanding the high Opinion we have of your integrity, wisdom, and fortitude, think it our Duty to give you our perticular instructions Relative to some matters that may Come under your Consideration, and when anything Extraordinary of a publick nature Occurs that Concerns your duty as our Representative, we injoyn it upon you that you take our further perticular instructions upon the matter if in your power. Especially at this time, when a Corrupt Despotick ministry with a wink or a nod rules both the King and Parliment of Great Britain with such absolute sway that they are but a meer nose of Wax turned and moulded any, and every way to answer Despotick purposes, Overthrow the English Constitution of Government and plunder the americans of both liberty & Property.

From hence our Charter Nullified our Governor made Despotick and independant of the people, our Judges of our Court Dependant upon the King for both their place & pay, Jurors to be packed by a dependant Sherrif, a law purporting for the Kings officers if they please to murder the Kings subjects in this Province with impunity, the port and harbour of Boston blocked up and our trade stoped untill we shall pay for tea we know not how much, and destroyed by we know not who, and if we Comply and pay for said Tea then all the wharves, Docks, Quays, landing places, and Shores within the port and harbour of Boston are forfieted into the hands, and are to be at the Disposal of his present majestie and his successors for ever, the Town of Boston reduced to millatary goverment, the Governor of the Province sending out troops

into the Country frequently who have Robed and plundered the publick stores maggazines &c, and Destroyed private property, and to compleat the secene have murdered and butchered a great number of our peaceable quiet inhabitants and loyall subjects of his majesty. Our legislative authority according to Charter Destroyed, and we Drove to the necessity instead thereof to hold a Congress and as the spiritual ruin was designed against us as well as temporal, the Romish Religion is established in the largest Goverment upon the Continent Civil Goverment the former security of life and property we are deprived off and under the Disagreeable necessity of taking up armes and Defending ourselves against Britains who ought to Joyn with us in the defence of our lives rights, liberties, and the English Constitution, the only safe bassis of his majestys throne.

These are but a part of the acts of that legislature that Claims a right to make laws binding upon us in all Cases whatever. Under these accumulated oppressions and Tyrannical acts of the British Parliment, it behoves you to steer clear of those Rocks that have dashed the constitutional liberties of our fellow subjects in Great Britain & threaten us in america. The millions upon millions of the national debt hath arisen (as we think not by misfortune but) by exorbitant grants to placemen and pensioners.

You are therefore in all Grants of the Publick money to be especially Carefull that no more is given to any person for his services than an adequate pay for the same, & that no person be allowed to live in luxury and idleness or become oppulently rich at the publick expense. there is nothing in a well ordered Goverment that requires it ; and in whatever Community it is allowed they are raising such another tribe of Tyrants to destroy themselves as we are now Justly fighting against, this nothing for its illustration but to take a Retrospective view of the Conduct of some persons of this Town as well as other parts of the Province. God grant that this Country may never produce any more such ingrates.

The difficulties we labor under for want of an Established civil Goverment necessitates us to Injoyn it upon you that you endeavor that advice of the Grand Continental Congress be obtained upon

that matter, and that we have such a form of Goverment Established as that every officer in it be dependant upon the Suffrages of the people for their place & pay. And as General Gage Commander in chief of his majestys forces in america hath since he has been in Boston sent out his troops into the Country who have robed plundered and murdered a number of his majestys loyal subjects, and by fraud disarmed the inhabitants of Boston and by breach of solemn Contract detains some of them prisoners in Boston and been guilty of such conduct as is not only unchristian and Derogatory to the Character of a good Soldier, but would be a disgrace to a savage.

You are therefore as far as is Consistent with the nature of your office to give all the aid and assistance in your power towards subjecting him and the army under his Command and Recovering the property both publick & private that they have unjustly taken away, and that he and the murderers under his Command may be brought to Condign punnishment, and that the Estates of our Domestick Enemies may be secured for the Publick use. You are also to Endeavor that proper measures be taken to supply this Collony with arms ammunition and all warlike stores necessary for defence. and to take proper measures for keeping up harmoney and Union with all our Sister Collonies.

Willm Young ℔ ord of the Committee

Worcester may 29 1775

Entered from the Origonal

Nathan Baldwin T Clerk—Willm Young moderator

At a Town meeting legally warned and held at the meeting House in Worcester by the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town quallified to vote for a Representative the Currant year.

A motion was made & seconded to see if the Town would proceed to choose one or more persons to Represent them in a Great and General Court the Currant year, and the question being put it passed in the affirmative. Then a motion was made and the question put to see if the Town would choose more than one person to Represent them and it passed in the negative.

Then Mr. David Bancroft was chosen to Represent said Town the Currant year in the General assembly

Attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Then a motion was made and the question put to see if the Town would reconsider their vote for choosing but one person to Represent them and the question being put it passed in the Negative. Then a motion was made and the question put to see if the Town would give instructions to their Representative and it passed in the affirmative. Upon a motion being made to choose a Committee to draw up proper instructions to be given to the Representative and make Report thereof to the Town

Voted that Messrs. Nathan Baldwin, John Nazro, Samll Curtis, David Bigelow, and Asa Moore be a Committee for said purpose.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to fryday the 14th day of July instant at six oClock in the after noon to be held at this place.

Attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting house in Worcester by adjournment from monday July the 10th 1775 to fryday July 14th 1775 at six oClock in the afternoon.

A motion was made & seconded to see if the Town would Reconsider their vote for choosing but one Representative passed at the last meeting and it passed in the affirmative

a motion was then made and seconded to see if the Town would adjourn the meeting to some future Day for the choice of some other person to Represent them in the General assembly and the question being put it passed in the Negative.

Then Mr. Joshua Bigelow was chosen to Represent said Town in Colleague with mr. David Bancroft who was chosen at last meeting. Then Voted that the instructions for the Representative reported by the Commitee chosen at last meeting be accepted, upon condition that the precept be returned to the Select men, and mr. Joshua Bigelows name be incerted in the Return, and that the instructions be Directed to messrs. David Bancroft and Joshua Bigelow and then Voted that this meeting be Dissolved

Attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 23rd day of October A D 1775 after being legally warned to act on the artickles Contained in the warrant for said meeting.

at said meeting Mr. William Young was Chosen moderator

Attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

On the second artickle Voted that the following sums of money be Granted (viz)

To Mr. Joshua Bigelow for his attendance one the Congress at Concord & Cambridge Twenty two Days in the year 1774	£6 10 0
To mr David Bigelow for 37 feet of plank for mending Bridges	0 2 8

On the third artickle voted that the inhabitants shall forthwith bring in an Invoice of their Pols and Ratable Estate to the assors.

On the fourth artickle Voted that the money Granted in march & may last as also the money now Granted at this meeting be assessed in one tax, Except the ministers tax and the money Granted for sweeping the meeting House & Ringing the Bell.

On the fifth artickle Voted that the money Granted as aforesaid be one half of it paid into the Town Treasurer in the month of January next, and the other half in the month of march next insuing.

Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the 13th Day of November next at one OClock in the afternoon to meet at this place att Wm Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 13th Day of November 1775 by adjournment from October ye 23 1775

On the second artickle in the Warrant, Voted to grant the following sums of money (viz)

Unto Mr. Timothy Bigelow Towards paying him for his services in attending upon the Congress at Concord and at Cambridge	£6	10	0
To the Select men to Enable them to pay the Committee for mounting the Cannon and provideing the necessary Utencils for the same	17	19	11
To Mr. Jonathan Rice Collector for the years 1772 & 1773 the following persons Rates he not being able to Collect them viz			
John Murray for his son Daniel	0	10	8
John Smith Hatter for one pole	0	10	8
Daniel Gleason	0	10	6
Richard Kelley for his son	0	4	8½
James Mason	0	8	1½
Oliver Peirce	0	8	1½
Jonathan Bancroft	0	2	9
Nathaniel Bancroft	0	2	9
Edmond Nichols	0	2	9
To Mr. Ebenezer Wiswall for mending the meeting House Windows	0	1	8
To Mr. Solomon Johnson Junr. for mending the wheel of the meeting House Bell	0	18	0
To the Town Treasurer to make up the Deficiency of Jonathan Rices Collections in the years 1772 & 1773	3	1	0½
Further Granted to Mr Jonathan Rice the following persons Rates (viz)			
James Conway	0	10	8
Michael Katen	0	10	8
Jonathan Stone	0	10	8
Ephraim Harrington	0	3	11⅝
Peter Buck	0	10	8
Samll McCraken for Paul Gates	0	10	8

Entered from the Origonal Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting Held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 13th Day of November A D 1775 after legal warn- for the same. To act on the matters Contained in the Warrant, Mr William Young was Chosen moderator

Attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

The second artickle[1] in the Warrant was Dismissed

On the third artickle Voted that messrs. Samll mcCraken, Joshua Whitney, & Ebenezer Lovel be a Committee to make inquiry what moneys belonging to the Town is in the hands of any and all the former Collectors & make Report thereof to the Town att the annual Town meeting in march next. Voted that all such Collectors of Taxes as have any of the Towns money in their hands pay the same forthwith into the hands of Mr Nathan Perry Town Treasurer. Att Wm Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting Held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 22nd Day of January A D 1776 at two of the Clock in the afternoon, after legal warning for the same to act on the matters Contained in the Warrant for said meeting.

On the first artickle in the Warrant Chose Mr. William Young moderator.

On the second artickle Voted to make Choice of Two persons to serve as civil officers (viz as Justices of the peace)

Then proceeded and by Vote made Choice of Mr Samuel Curtis to serve in said office. and then by Vote made Choice of mr. William Young to serve in said office.

Then Voted that this meeting be Dissolved

Attest Wm Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on on monday the 22nd Day of January at four of the Clock in the afternoon A D 1776 after legal warning for the same to act on the matters Contained in the Warrant for said meeting.

On the first artickle mr. William Young was Chosen moderator

[1] "To See if the Town will Choose a Collector to Collect the Taxes the Currant Year: The Collector Chosen in march last being absent."

On the second artickle Voted that the sum of Three pounds sixteen shilings & Eleven pence 5/8ths be & hereby is Granted to mr Nathan Perry Town Treasurer, to make up the Deficiency of Mr. Jonathan Rices Collections in the years A D 1772 & A D 1773

Then Voted that this meeting be Dissolved

att Wm. Young moderator

Entered from the origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 26th Day of February A D 1776 after legal warning for the same to act on the matters contained in the Warrant for said meeting.

On the first artickle in said warrant mr William Young was chosen moderator attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

On the second artickle Mr. William Taylor was Chosen Collector of Taxes for the year 1775 in the Room of mr. Jonas Hubbard who was chosen to said office in march last, But now being absent on the Publick Service.

The above named William Taylor was sworn to the faithfull discharge of the office of Collector as the law Directs. And agreed to Collect the Taxes for the year 1775 for and in Consideration of the Towns paying him five pounds Twelve shilings

att Wm Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Att a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 4th Day of march A D 1776 after legal Warning for the Choice of Town officers &c and to transact other matters agreeable to the several artickles Contained in the Warrant

at said meeting mr. William Young was Chosen moderator

atts. Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Benjamin Flagg William Young Josiah Peirce Jonathan Stone Samuel Curtis Samuel miller David Bigelow Chosen Select men Over seers of the poore and assessors

Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Nathan Perry Town Treasurer

Samuel m^{c}Craken Samuel Bridge Constables

Noah Jones Daniel Boyden Wardens

William Taylor Collector of Taxes

Samuel m^{c}Craken Sealer of tand & Curied leather

Stephen Salisbury Ephraim Curtis Clerks of the market

Jacob Hemingway Daniel Bigelow Ju^{r}. Surveyors of bords shingles & hoops

Nathan Perry Ebenezer Willington William Mahan Solomon Bixbe Sam^{ll} Curtis David Bigelow Sam^{ll} Miller William Young Jonas Nichols William Taylor Daniel Beard Benjamin Whitney James Barber Surveyers of highways & collectors of highway Taxes, they Each of them was Chosen the last year and by a Vote of the Town Continued surveyors of highways and Collectors of highway taxes the Currant year

Daniel Johnson Joshua Whitney Fence Viewers

Levi Houghton Samuel Whitney Thomas Drury Tithingmen

Ebenezer Barber Joseph Barber Deer Reeves

Benjamin Stoel James Moore Field Drivers

Benjamin Whitney John Goodwin John Elder Joseph Sprague Jonathan Flagg Nathan Heard Thomas Rice Ju^{r}. Samuel Gates Hog Reeves

On the Second artickle Voted that the Committees of Correspondence and Inspection heretofore Chosen for this Town be Dismissed from their said offices

Nathan Baldwin Nathan Perry Asa Moore Ezekiel How Levi Lincoln Chosen Committee of Correspondence Inspection & safety

Voted for a Regester of Deeds & Conveyances of Lands and the votes were as follows viz

Nathan Baldwin had 77 votes
Manassah Smith 14
Joseph Henshaw 3
Nathan Perry 1
William Young 1

Voted for a County Treasurer and the votes were as follows viz

Steven Salisbury had 11 votes
William Young 13
Doct^r^ Elijah Dix 22
Nathan Baldwin 1

On the third artickle M^r^. William Taylor was Chosen Collector of Taxes the Currant year and agreed to do that service for six pounds, and to give bond with sureties for his faithfull performance of said service Voted that the sum of six pounds be and hereby is Granted to the said William Taylor to pay him for said service

On the fourth artickle Voted that the sum of one Hundred pounds be & hereby is Granted for the support of the schools the Currant Year, which with the school Intrest money being five pounds be applied for the support of schools in the same way and manner as was voted the last year.

Voted that the following persons be a Committee to provide school masters the Currant year (viz) Samuel Bridge for the Grammer School, Peter Johnson, James Barber, Daniel Harris, Francis Harrington, William m^c^Farland, Deacon Samuel miller, Solomon Bixbe, Benjamin Stoel, Comfort Rice, Noah Jones, and David Chadwick, for English Schools.

On the fifth artickle Voted that mess^rs^. Stephen Salisbury, Samuel Brown and Doct^r^ Elijah Dix be a Committee to settle accounts with the Town Treasurer and Report to the Town

On the sixth artickle Voted that no highway tax be granted the Currant year, but that the surveyors & Collectors of high Way Taxes Chosen the last year be Continued in their Respective offices, and cause all the arrears of the high way taxes to be worked out the Currant year in keeping the Publick and Town Roads in repair

On the seventh artickle Voted that the swine may go at large they being Yoked & ringed according to law

On the Eighth artickle the Select men Reported that the money arising by the sale of the ministerial Lands is in the hands of the following persons (viz)

William Young & Robert Henry	£116	0	0
David Sanderson, John Stoel & Jonathan Marble	50		
John Child, Isaac Smith & Jonas Ward	40		
Palmer Goulding, John Boyden & Cornelius Stoel	35	17	10
David Thomas and Joseph Wyley	20		
EbenezerWillington & Edward Knight	13	6	8
John Boyden & James Nichols	33	6	8
Phinehas Ward, Samuel Curtis & David Richardson	22	15	
David Bigelow & Jonas Ward	35	16	8
	£367	2	10

and that they have Received the whole of the intrest money arrising by the sale of said lands, and have paid the same to the Rev^{d}, Thadeus mecarty and taken his Receipts for the same up to November the 1st 1775 Therefore Voted that the Select men be Discharged of said intrest

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the 18th Day of march Instant three OClock in the afternoon to meet at this place att^{t} W^{m}. Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

all the affores^{d} officers are duely sworn Except Noah Jones & Daniel Boyden Wardens. Thos. Drury Tithingman Eben^{r} Barber Deer Reeve. James Moore field Driver. Nathan Heard hogreeve.

Att a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester by adjournment from monday march ye 4th to monday march ye 18th 1776 m^r^. William Young being moderator

Voted that the ninth artickle[1] be Dismissed

On the Tenth artickle the Select men laid before the [meeting a] list of persons names liable by law, and which they Judged able and quallified to serve on Petit Jurors. out of which the Town selected one third part to serve as Jurors at the superior Court of Judicature Court of assize and General Gaol Delivery, Namely

Ezekiel How	Ebenezer Lovel	William Young
Noah Jones	Comfort Rice	Timothy Bigelow
Jonathan Stone	Josiah Peirce	Samuel Curtis
David Bigelow	Peter Johnson	Nathan Perry
Thomas Wheeler	William Dana	Nathaniel Moore
James Goodwin	John Fisk	Benjamin Flagg
Samuel Woodburn	Amos Wheeler	John Kelso
Samuel Miller	Jonathan Phillips	David Bancroft
Silas Moore	William Gates	Benjamin Stoel
Stephen Salisbury	Asa Moore	Daniel Bigelow Jur

and the Remainder of list to serve as Jurors in the Inferior Court of Common pleas and Court of General sessions of the peace namely.

Thomas Nickels	Daniel Harris	Ephraim Miller
Joseph Barber	Thomas Eaton	Robert Crawford
Samuel Brown	David Chadwick	Richard Pratt
Lemuel Rice	Samuel Clark	Ebenezer Willington
Thomas Drury Jur	Joseph Hastings	Joshua Whitney
Jonathan Fisk	Levi Houghton	Noah Harris
Ebenezer Wiswall	John Nazro	Jonathan Lovel
Solomon Bixbe	Peter Boyden	John Moore
Jabob Holmes Jur	David Thomas	Robert Smith
√ Robert Gray	Joseph Sprague	William Taylor
Josiah Harrington Jur	Jonathan Flagg	Oliver Curtis
John Barber	Elisha Gurney	James Trowbridge
Nathaniel Brooks	James Barber	Simon Gates
Solomon Johnson Jur	William Johnson	Joseph Wyley

[1] To see if the town would pay for a road laid through the land of Francis Cutting.

Benjamin Whitney	Isaac Willard	Jonathan Gleason
Samuel mcCraken	Jonas Nichols	Cypron Stevens
Reuben Gray	Jonathan Stone Jur	Joseph Miller
William McFarland	James Moore	Asa Ward
Moses Miller	Thomas Beard Jur	Samuel Bridge
Daniel Beard	Samll Goddard	John Smith

and Voted that their Names be put into sepperate Boxes according to Law.

The foregoing Votes was passed at said meeting.

And then voted that this meeting be Dissolved

att^{t}. W^{m}. Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Att a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 18th Day of march A D 1776 after legal warning for said meeting

On the first artickle m^{r}. William Young was Chosen moderator

On the second artickle the Committee Chosen in march last to settle accounts with the Town Treasurer made the following Report which was accepted (viz)

We the Subscribers being Chosen a Committee to settle accounts with the Town Treasurer and having Exammined his accounts find the same Right Cast and well Vouched (viz) that he hath Rec^{d} in

	£317	12	9-2
paid out	308	8	10-3
Ballance Due to the Town in the Treasurers hand	9	3	10-3

Sam^{ll} Brown

Worcester march 18th 1776 David Bancroft

On the third artickle Voted that the Inhabitants of Tatnick quarter for schooling be allowed under the Direction of their school Committee man to lay out this present year in schooling the money that was Granted to said quarter in the year 1774.

On the fourth artickle voted that the Inhabitants of this Town shall give into the select men the true number of persons belonging to Each of their families.

The fifth artickle[1] was Refered to the adjournment of this meeting

On the sixth artickle Capt. James Goodwin & M^{r}. Daniel Bigelow Ju^{r}. was Chosen a Committee to Inspect the behavior of such persons as tarry in the meeting House on Sabbath Days between meetings and if they shall discover any misbehavior that they inform lawfull authority of the same that offenders may be punnished

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the annual meeting in may next att^{t}. Wm Young moderator

Entered from the origonal Pr Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on thursday the 23^{d} day of may A D 1776 after legal Warning for the same to act on the several artickles Contained in the Warrant

at S^{d} meeting M^{r}. William Young was Chosen moderator

att^{t} Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

at said meeting the following sums of money was Granted (viz)

To the Revd. Mr. Mecarty for his support & Sallery the present year	£90		
To the select men to enable them to support the poore of this town the Currant year	20		
To Mr. John Waters for taking Care of the meeting House the Currant year	3		
To the select men to enable them to pay for Ringing the bell the Currant year	1	4	
To Mr Francis Cutting to pay him for a Road laid through his land	6	13	4

On the fifth artickle voted that the inhabitants of this Town have liberty to set up horse stables upon the Common near the meeting House their Complying with the orders and Directions of Messrs. Thomas Wheeler, Nathan Perry, and Robert Smith.

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[1] Report of the committee to look after outstanding monies.

at said meeting a motion was made & seconded to see if the Town would support Independence if it should be declared, the question was put and the Town Voted Unanimously that if the Continental Congress should declare the american Collonies independant of great Britain that they will support the measure with their lives and fortunes, and that the Town Clerk serve M[r] Joshua Bigelow Representative for this Town with a Coppy of said vote for his instruction at this time.

The foregoing votes was passed at said meeting and then voted to Dissolve the meeting att[t] W[m] Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester July 8th 1776 after legal warning for the same to act on the artickles Contained in the Warrant for said meeting

1 at said meeting William [Young] Esq[r] was Chosen moderator att[t]. Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

2 On the second artickle Voted that a sum of money be granted sufficient to augment the Bounty of each soldier called for at this time from this Town nine pounds in addition to the Bounty granted by the General Court, and then Voted that the sum of four Hundred & Eighty six pounds be and hereby is Granted for said purpose, which sum is to be assessed upon the poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town } £486 0 0

Voted that Cap[t] Israel Jennison Cap[t] Ebenezer Lovel & m[r]. Robert Smith be a Committee to hire the afforesaid sum of four Hundred & Eighty six pounds in behalf of the Town for the purpose afforesaid.

3 On the third artickle M[r]. Nathan Baldwin was Chosen to take Recognizances and acknowledgments for the payment of Debts of any sum not Exceeding twenty pounds.

Then Voted that this meeting be Dissolved.

The afforegoing votes was passed at said meeting

att[t]. W[m]. Young moderator

augst 28th 1776 the above Named Nathan Baldwin was sworn to the faithfull Discharge of his S^{d} office as the law Directs see Certificate on file

Entered from the origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 26 day of august A D 1776 after legal Warning for the same to act on the several artickles Contained in the Warrant.

at said meeting William Young Esqr. was Chosen moderator

att Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

On the second artickle in the Warrant a motion was made & seconded to see if the Town was willing to have a hospital Erected in this Town for Carrying on Innoculation for the small pox, and the Question was put, and it passed in the negative.

Then voted that this meeting be Dissolved.

the afforegoing votes was passed at said meeting.

att^{t} Willm Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting Held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 30th day of september A D 1776 after legal warning for the same to act on the several artickles Contained in the Warrant.

at said meeting William Young Esq was Chosen moderator

On the second artickle a Reigester of Deeds & conveyances of lands was voted for and the votes being sorted & Counted were as follows viz for Nathan Baldwin 49 for manasseh Smith 2 for Daniel Bigelow 1 for Joseph Henshaw 1

On the third artickle a County Treasurer was voted for and the votes being sorted and Counted were as follows (viz) for Nathan Perry 29 for Stephen Salisbury 6 for William Young 2

On the fourth artickle Voted That Considering the importance of forming a new mode of goverment for this state agreeable to a resolve of the General assembly of the 17 of Sepr. Instant, and the propriety of all the freemen in the state having a fair oppertunity to give their voice in the matter, and the great number of the free men of this Town being absent for the Defence of this and the other american states this artickle be refered to the adjournment of this meeting.

Then voted this meeting be adjourned to the third monday in December next to meet at this place at one OClock after noon

att Wm Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

[The Declaration of Independence is here recorded with the following order of the Council:]

In Council, July 17th 1776

Ordered, That the Declaration of Independence be printed; and a coppy sent to the ministers of each Parish, of every Denomination, within this *State;* and that they severally be *reqired* to read the same to their Respective Congregations, as soon as divine service is ended, in the afternoon, on the first lords day after they shall have Received it:—And after such Publication thereof, to deliver the said Declaration to the Clerks of their sev-[er]al Towns, or Districts; who are hereby Required to record the same in their respective Town or District Books, there to Remain as a *Perpetual Memorial* thereof.

R Derby, Junr. President

In the Name and by Order
of the *Council,*
A true Coppy Attest John Avery Dep. Sec'y

Entered from the origonal and examined
℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the publick meeting House in Worcester on monday the 21st day of October A D 1776 after legal

warning for the same to act on the Several artickles Contained in the Warrant

1 at said meeting William Young Esq[r] was Chosen moderator

2 On the second artickle the following sums of money was granted for the following purposes viz

To Samll mcCraken for Removing Abraham Niles and his family from Worcester to Graftown		£0 18	
To Mr Joshua Bigelow for his attendance at the General Court		7 5	
To Capt micah Johnson for 550 feet of plank for bridges		2 4	
To Capt Palmer Goulding for ringing the bell three years ending march 1776		3 16	
To Mrs Abigail Fullerton for a Coffin for Benoni Grout		0 8	
To mr Thomas Drewry for pay for a road laid through his land		2 2 8	
To the Select men for numbering the people (viz)			
To Collo Benja Flagg	£0 6		
Jona Stone	0 6		
Josiah Peirce	0 6		
Two days Coppying [ ]	0 8		
Willm Young Esqr	0 6		
Samll Curtis Esqr	0 6		
David Bigelow	0 4		
Deacon Samll miller	0 6		
		2 8	
To Mr David Bancroft for his attendance at the Congress in the year 1775		6 0	

3 The third artickle[1] not acted on

4 On the fourth artickle Voted that the money granted in march & may last and also the money granted at this meeting be assessed upon the poles and Estates of the inhabitants of this Town in one tax excepting the Rev[d] m[r] mecartys sallery and pay for taking Care of the meeting House.

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[1] For the inhabitants to bring in lists of polls and estates.

5 On the fifth artickle voted that the whole of the money granted the currant year be paid into the Town Treasurer in the following manner (viz) the one half the first day of January next, and the other half the first of march next.

[Sixth article: "For all persons who have any Demands on the Town to bring them in, in order for adjustment."]

7 & 8 The seventh[1] & eighth[2] artickles refered to the adjournment of this meeting.

9 On the ninth artickle Voted that the inhabitants belonging to the south Parrish[3] in Worcester be exempted from paying any tax for raising a sum of money for augmenting the soldiers bounty that are gone to New York, that was granted by this Town in July last.

10 On the tenth artickle Voted to pay m^r. David Bancroft for his attendance at the Provincial Congress, and also Votted him the thanks of this Town for his Gift of one pound fifteen shilings of his wages.

11 On the Eleventh artickle M^r. Nathan Baldwin informed the Town that he had been requested by his brethren of the Committee of Correspondence &c of this Town to withdraw his motion for a Dismission from said office, and for that and some other reasons he withdrawed his motion. Therefore the town voted not to act anything further on said artickle

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the 28th day of this Instant at two OClock after noon to meet at this House.

att^t. Wm Young Moderator

Entered from the Origonal Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester by adjournment from monday the 21st day of October A D 1776 to monday the 28th Day of October Instant

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[1] "To see if the Town will grant a sum of money to pay the minute men for training relative to a former vote."

[2] "For the Town to bring in their votes for a County Treasurer."

[3] That part afterwards incorporated as the town of Ward, now Auburn.

William Young Esq[r] being moderator.

Voted on the second artickle that M[r]. David Thomas Collector of taxes for the year 1774 be abated and discharged from the following persons taxes (viz)

Jonathan Bancroft	£0	7	0	3
John Cummins	0	7	0	3
Edmund Nichols	0	7	0	3
David Richards	0	7	0	3
Francis Cutting 1 pole	0	7	0	3
Widdow mahan Do	0	7	0	3
Daniel Haven	0	7	0	3
Thomas Nichols	0	7	0	3
Jonathan Stone Jur.	0	1	8	0
Jonathan Bartlet	0	7	0	3
				£3 5 2 3

Voted that three pounds five shilings and two pence three farthings be and hereby is Granted to M[r]. Nathan perry Town Treasurer to make up the above deficiencys in m[r]. David Thomas[s] Collection of taxes.

On the Eighth artickle a County treasurer was voted for, and the votes were for [the] following persons (viz) for M[r]. Nathan Perry 11 for Joseph Wheeler 9 for William Young 1

Att[t]. Will[m] Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

N B The above votes for a County treasurer was never returned to the Court of General Sessions, they being not legally Collected

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At a Town meeting held at the public meeting House in Worcester on monday the 28 day of October A D 1776 after legal Warning for the same to act on the artickles contained in the Warrant.

at said meeting William Young Esq[r]. was Chosen moderator

On the second artickle in the Warrant the question was put to see if the Town will sell the Cannon belonging to this Town, and it passed in the negative.

and then voted that this meeting be Dissolved

att^{t}. W^{m}. Young moderator

Entered from the origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on Wednesday the 27th day of November A D 1776 after legal warning for the same to act on the several artickles contained in the warrant for said meeting.

at said meeting William Young Esqr. was chosen moderator

On the second artickle a County Treasurer was voted for and the votes were as follows (viz)

For Nathan Perry 49 votes

att^{t} Wm Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Regulating act &c

State of the Massachusetts Bay To the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester.——In Obedience to an act of the Great and General Court of the state of the Massachusets Bay, intitelled an act to prevent monopoly & Oppression, by which the Select men and Committee of Correspondence &c of every Town in the said State are impowered and Directed to set & establish the prices of all such goods and articles in their respective Towns[as]are enumerated in said act in a certain proportion, Except as therein Excepted and also of such as are not so enumerated according to the same proportion.

The select men and Committee of the Town of Worcester have Considerered and do hereby resolve that the prices in the said Town for the labour or work of mechanics, tradesmen, the produce

of farms or wares and goods shall be the prices respectively herein affixed to the same and according to the proportion hereby established (viz)

Farming labour in the Sumer Season and so in the usual proportion fixed by the afforesaid act of Court at the highest price not to exceed 3/ ℔ day

Wheat good & merchandable not to exceed 6/8 ℔ bushel. Rye good &c not to exceed 4/6 ℔ bushel. Indean Corn good &c not to exceed 3/ ℔ bushel. Sheaps wool good &c not to exceed 2/ ℔ pound. Frésh pork good &c not to exceed 4^{d} ℔ pound Salt pork the best not to exceed 7^{d} ℔ pound. Beef grass fed good not to exceed 3^{d}℔ pound. Best stall fed Ditto 4^{d}℔ pound, beef of different quallities in proportion Hides raw 3^{d}, Calfskins raw 6^{d} ℔ pound Salt good &c 13/ ℔ bushel, Salt manufactured within this state 15/ ℔ bushel. Cheese good american not to exceed 6^{d} ℔ pound Butter the best not to exceed 9^{d} ℔ pound. Peas of the best kind not to exceed 7/ ℔ bushel, Beans good &c 6/ ℔ bushel. Portatoes the best spannish not to exceed 1/2 ℔ bushel in the fall nor 1/8 in the spring and other portatoes in proportion Stockins yarn of the best kind for men not to exceed 6/℔ pair smaller ones and of an inferior quallity in proportion. Shoes neets leather for men of the best common sort not to exceed 7/6 ℔ pair and so in proportion for those of an inferior size & quallity. and also for boots in proportion. Pork salted by the barril containing 220 pounds 86/ ℔ barril. Beef salted by the barril Containing 240 pounds 68/6 ℔ bbl. Oats good &c not to exceed 1/9 ℔ bushel. Flax good &c not to exceed 1/ ℔ pound. Coffee good &c 1/4 ℔ pound. Tallow tried 7^{d} Rough Ditto 5^{d}℔ pound & no more. tow Cloth good of a yard wide not to exceed 2/3℔ y^{d} other tow Cloth and couse linnens in proportion according to their widths & quallity Wood good Oak delivered at the doore of the purchaser not to exceed 8/ ℔ Cord and measured eight feet long and other wood in proportion. Charcoal good &c 7^{d} ℔ basket containing two bushels Hides well tanned not to exceed 1/3 ℔ pound and curried leather in proportion. Cotton & linnen homespun cloth yard wide of the best common sort 3/6 ℔ yd & of deferent widths & quallities in

proportion Mutton lamb or veal the best not to exceed $3^{d}\frac{1}{2}$ ℔ pound. Flour good &c not to exceed 23/ ℔^{c}. Horse keeping ℔ night or 24 hours with english hay not to exceed 1/4 Ox keeping for the same time ℔ pair 1/6 and bateing for horses or oxen in proportion as also their keeping at grass. Teaming work not to exceed the rate of 1/6 ℔ teem for each mile, and other teeming and draught work in proportion. Turkeys dunghill fowls &c ducks good & dressed as usual to be sold by the pound only & not to exceed $4^{d}\frac{1}{2}$ ℔ pound.

Geese not to exceed $3^{d}\frac{1}{2}$ ℔ pound. Milk good not to exceed 2^{d} ℔ quart. Hay English of the best kind not to exceed 3/ ℔^{c} and other hay in proportion according to the ancient custom of this Town. Bords of white pine the best sort not to exceed at the mill 48/ ℔^{m} Inch white pine Ditto of the best kind 6/8 ℔^{c} and slitwork Oak bords plank Joists and all other kinds of lumber in the Customary and usual proportion. Malt good & well prepared not to exceed 4/ ℔ bushel. Shoats alive for store not to exceed $2^{d}\frac{1}{2}$ ℔ pound Apples good & sound for the winter not to exceed 1/ ℔ bushel & other winter and sumer fruite in proportion. Cyder good &c at the press not to exceed 4/ ℔ barril and at other seasons of the year in pro[po]rtion. Tobacco good &c in the leaf not to exceed 6^{d} ℔ pound and other tobacco in proportion. Dinners at taverns for travellers or soldiers of boiled meat with the Common equivalent articles not to exceed 8^{d} of roast or roast & boiled in the usual proportion. Suppers or breakfast at taverns of tea Coffee or chocolate with the other necessaries not to exceed 8^{d} & others in proportion. Lodging at taverns not to exceed 4^{d} ℔ night and soldiers sleeping by the [ ] or on the floore not to be considered as Lodging in the sense of this resolve. Flip or tody mad with New England rum not to exceed 9^{d} ℔ mug. West India and other licquors in proportion.

Oats for horses at taverns not to exceed 3^{d} for two quarts and so in proportion for a greater or less quantity. Horse hire for the saddle not to exceed $2^{d}\frac{1}{2}$ ℔ mile. & for a carriage or draught not to exceed 3^{d} ℔ mile and after the same rate for other service. Breeches of the best sort of deers leather for men not to exceed 42/ ℔ pair. for boys or leather breeches not to exceed the same

proportion according to their slze & quallity. Beavor hatts of the best kind not to exceed 42/ ℔ hatt good felt hatts not to exceed 7/ ℔ hatt and dressing hats in proportion to the price of other things herein established. Horse shoeing all round without steel not to exceed 4/4 and with steel corks heel and toe or either in the usual proportion. Ox Shoeing not to exceed 9/ ℔ pair and all other blacksmith work in proportion. Weaveing good of the common kind not to exceed the 5^{d} ℔ y^{d} for all woll cloth for mens wear of an Ell wide and no other weaving to exceed the same proportion. Making a full suite of superfine Cloths full trimed not to exceed 24/ and other taylor work in proportion. House wrights labour ℔ day not to exceed 3/ ℔ day and his other work in proportion. Scythes good &c not to exceed 8/ ax good &c not to exceed 10/ and other edge tools in proportion. Tanning hides not to exceed 1^{d}½ ℔ pound and currying in proportion. Pails common with naild hoops not to exceed 1/4 ℔ pail. Barrils good heart ones 3/4. Making a pair of Shoes for a man not to exceed 3/

The select men and Committee affore said from the great difficulty of obtaining that knowledge of the former prices of many articles services and things at the disposal & within the notice respectively of the various classes of labourers, mechanics and trades men which is necessary in order to fix the perticular prices for such articles services and things, have considered, and do hereby resolve in general that all labourers mechanics and trades men (viz) Tanners, Curriers, Glovers, Saddlers, Chaise makers, Spinsters Brush makers, Peruke makers, Clothiers fullers, Dyers, Hosiers, mantua makers, Milliners, Buckle & Button makers, Jewellers, Goldsmiths, Masons, Brick layers, Glaziers, Painters. Joiners, turners, Bed stead makers, Carpet weavers, Paper makers, Printers, Engravers, Stone Cutters, Wheel wrights, well stoners, Wall builders, Millers, Cyder makers &c &c &c——shall not exceed for any article service or thing in their respective way imployment or occupation such prices for the said article service &c as are in a Just common and usual proportion to the prices afixed to articles herein enumerated according to antient usage and custom.

And the select [men] and Committee do recommend it to the good people of this Town to use their utmost endeavors, by example precept and legal exertions to support the laws of their Country in General and do hereby call upon them in the name of the Goverment and people of the Massachusets Bay, in the name of the passing Soldier, in behalf of Widows & orphans as they regard the credit of their Currency, the establishing an army and the authority of Goverment which alone gives dignity to peace and Renders War succesfull, to prevent monopolies and oppression by vindicating the present act against the lawless foot which dares to trample

Benj[a] Flagg
W[m] Young
Josiah Peirce
Jon[a] Stone
Sam[ll] Curtis
Sam[ll] Miller
David Bigelow
} Select men of Worcester

Nathan Baldwin
Nathan Perry
Asa Moore
Levi Lincoln
} Committee of Corrispondence &c of Worcester

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Cler

At a Town meeting held at the public meeting House in Worcester on tuesday the 11th day of march A D 1777 after legal warning for the choice of Town officers &c and to transact other buisness agreeable to the several articles contained in the warrant for said meeting.

At said meeting William Young Esq[r] was chosen moderator
attest Nathan Baldwin Town Cler

Benjamin Flagg William Young Esq[r] Nathan Perry Jonathan Stone David Bigelow Benjamin Stoel John Kelso Chosen Select men And Overseers of the poore

Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Samuel Curtis Esq[r] Nathan Baldwin Samuel Brown Assessors

Nathan Perry Town Treasurer

Samuel Fullerton Nathaniel Heywood Constables

William Taylor Collector of Taxes

John Cunningham William Stearns Samuel Miller Samuel Brown Josiah Peirce Committee of Corrispondence Inspection and safety

A Reigester of Deeds &c voted for and the votes stood as follows

for Nathan Baldwin	51	votes
for Joseph. Henshaw	1	
for Manaseh Smith	1	
for William Young Esqr	1	

A County Treasurer voted for and the votes was for

Nathan Perry	60
Levi Lincoln	1

Samuel m^{c}Craken sealer of tand & curried leather

Stephen Salisbury Ephraim Curtis Clerks of the market

Jacob Hemingway Phinehas Ward Surveyors of bords shingles & hoops

Samuel Clark Thomas Knight Samuel m^{c}Craken Soloman Bixby Comfort rice Noah Harris Robert Gray John Moore Abel Holbrook Absolom Rice Asa Ward Josep Barber Surveyors of high Ways and Collectors of high way taxes

Levi Houghton Robert Smith Fence Viewers

Nathaniel Brooks Thomas Drewry John Kelso Tithing men

Benjamin Stoel William m^{c}Farland Deer Reeves

James Moore Benjamin Stowel Field Drivers

Daniel Harris Nathaniel Harrington John Elder Isaac Gleason Josiah Knight Joseph Ball John Barnerd Josiah Harrington Ju^{r} Hogg Reeves

Josiah Peirce G[r]and jury man

all the affores^{d} officers whereof an oath is required are duly sworn except Stephen Salisbury & Eph^{m} Curtis Clerks of the market Thos Knight Solomon bixby & Noah Harris Surveyors of high ways & Collectors of high way taxes. Thos Drewry Tithing man

James moore field Driver. Isaac Gleason Josiah Knight John Barnerd & Josiah Harrington Ju^{r}. Hog Reeves

On the third article voted that Mr William Taylor Collector of Taxes the current year give bonds to the acceptance of the select men for his faithfull discharge of the Duties of said office. and voted that the sum of six pounds be and hereby is granted to him to pay him for said service

On the fourth article voted that the sum of one Hundred pounds be and hereby is Granted for the Support of Schools the Currant year which with the School interest money being five pounds be appropriated for said purpose and then voted that Messrs Nathan Baldwin, William Young, Nathaniel Brooks, Levi Houghton, Benjamin Flagg, William m^{c}Farland, Samuel Miller, Solomon Bixby, Benjamin Stoel, Samuel Curtis, Ebenezer Lovel and Ebenezer Willington be a Committee to prepare the draft of some equitable method for keeping the schools apportioning and laying out the money granted for schooling the Currant year, and report at the adjournment of this meeting, for the Town^{s} acceptance if they shall think proper

On the fifth article voted that Messrs. Stephen Salisbury, Sam^{ll} Brown and Elijah Dix be a Committee to settle accounts with the Town Treasurer and report to the Town.

On the sixth article voted that the sum of one Hundred and fifty pounds be & hereby is granted to be levied and assessed on the poles & estates in said Town the Currant year to be expended in building bridges & causey ways and repairing such as are decayed, and in puting & keeping the roads in good repair the Currant year and that the same wages be allowed labourers at the high ways as was the last year and that the same be worked out by or before the first day of october next & that the assessors squadron out to each surveyor the persons that shall work under them, so that each Surveyor have a tax in proportion to his labour, and that such of the inhabitants as worked out more than his or their tax the last year be allowed for the same out of the present years tax, he or they producing a proper certificate thereof, and those that have not worked out their former tax may have the liberty to work out the same provided they do it before the twenty fifth day of June next

on the seventh articl voted that liberty be granted for the swine to go at large they being yoked and ringed according to law

The eighth article[1] refered to the adjournment of this meeting

On the ninth article voted that Messrs. Levi Lincoln, Nathan Baldwin and Samll Curtis be a Committee to draw up proper instructions to be given to the Representative of this town and make report at the adjournment of this meeting

Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned to tuesday the 18th day of march instant at nine Oclock in the fore Noon to meet at this place. attt Willm Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Cler

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester by adjournment from tuesday the 11th day of march 1777 to tuesday the 18th day of said march Willm Young Esqr being moderator of said meeting

At said meeting Nathan Baldwin was chosen to take Recognisances and acknowledgements for the payment of debts of any sum not exceeding Twenty pounds

At said meeting Messrs. Levi Lincoln Nathan Baldwin and Samll Curtis reported the following as proper instructions to be given the Representative of this Town at this time (viz)

Worcester march 11 1777 at a Town [meeting] legally warned a Committee was appointed to prepare instructions to the Representative for the Town of Worcester Respecting a late law made and passed in the General Court intitled an act for the more equal Representation of the inhabitants of this state——the Committee beg leave to report as follows.

First Resolved that in the opinion of this Town the said act for enlarging the representation afforesaid was impollitic, unnecessary, unconstitutional and attended with many Consequences grevious to the good people in the inland parts of this state.

Secondly resolved that it be recommended to Joshua Bigelow Esqr and he is hereby requested and desired to use his utmost

[1] Relating to interest money.

endeavours at the General Court of this State to obtain a repeal of the said act before writs are issued for a New choice of Representatives.

Thirdly Resolved that the Town Clerk furnish Joshua Bigelow Esqr. with a coppy of these resolves as soon as may be

Levi Lincoln
Nathan Baldwin
Sam^{ll} Curtis

At said meeting the above report was accepted by a unanimous vote

Then voted that this meeting be further adjourned to the last monday in march instant at one OClock after noon to meet at this place att^{t} Willm Young Moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Cler

At a Town meeting held at the public meeting House in Worcester on monday the 31st day of march A D 1777 by several adjournments from the 11th day of said month Willm Young Esqr being moderator

At said meeting the Committee chosen at a former meeting to prepare the draft of some equitable method for keeping the school, apportioning and laying out the money granted for schooling the currant year, and report at this meeting, the said Committee reported as follows (viz)

That each District of this Town set apart for schooling Draw the monies they are assessed on their poles and estates towards raising the sum of one hundred pounds granted for schooling the currant year, the sums are as follows (viz)

		£		
Center District Draws		20	11	2 1
Bixbys	Do	5	7	8 2
Willm McFarland	Do	2	15	1 2
Capt Lovel	Do	7	13	2 2
Samll Curtis	Do	9	16	6 2
Levi Houghton	Do	6	0	3 0
Benja Stowel	Do	9	9	6 2

Ebenr Willington	Do	9	16	11	1
Deacon Miller	Do	3	9	1	2
Nathll Brooks	Do	8	2	5	1
Willm Young Esqr	Do	8	5	1	3
Coll Benja Flagg	Do	8	12	9	2
		£100	0	0	0

Voted that the afforegoing proportion be accepted and the monies Drawed accordingly——Then voted that the Grammer School be first kept in the middle of the Town and that twenty pounds eleven shillings two pence two farthings of this years Grant and also the five pounds interest money, and all their money not expended be allowed to them for keeping the Grammer School, and when that money is expended that then the grammer school be removed to any other quarter that the select men shall order & determine to make up the year

Voted that M[r]. Sam[ll] Bridge be a Committee man to provide a grammer School master. And Mess[rs]. Solomon Bixby, Jonathan Phillips, William M[c]farland, Comfort Rice, Benj[a] Whitney Ju[r]., Benj[a] Stowel, Ebenezer Willington, Deacon Sam[ll] Miller, Nathaniel Brooks, William Young Esq[r]. and Francis Harrington be a Committee to provide English School masters

Worcester march 31 1777 we the subscribers being appointed a committee by the Town to Exammine and settle accompts with the Town Treasurer for the year 1776 have attended said buisness and find the same well vouched and right cast it appears that he has Rec[d] £284 19 5¼

Has paid out 266 10 11¼

Remaining in his hands £018 8 6

Then voted that this meeting be adjourned to the Day of the anual Town meeting in may next at four of the Clock after noon to meet at this place

att[s] Will[m] Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on Tuesday the 18th day of march A D 1777 after being legally warned to act on the artickles contained in the Warrant for said meeting

At said meeting William Young Esqr was Chosen moderator
att Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

The said meeting being Opened it [was] moved & seconded that this meeting be adjourned for one hour, and the question was put and it passed in the affirmative & accordingly was adjourned

met agreeable to adjournment. And on the second article Voted that the following plan be adopted for the encouragement of this Towns quota of men inlisting into the Continental army (viz) That the Town Choose a Committee to enquire & determine how much the several inhabitants of this Town have contributed towards the support of the present war with Great Britain & to exammine & determine how much those who are deficient Ought to Contribute to make them equal with those who have paid or Done their full proportion, & that the said Committee acquaint the said deficient persons how much they are in arrear and request that they pay the same into the hands of the said Committee to be appropriated together with the moneys already raised for the raising the men now to be raised for filling up the Batallions on the Continental Establishment

And that the sum of Twenty pounds as an additional bounty to the Continental & state bounty be given to each soldier that shall inlist into the Continental army for one of the proportion to be raised in the Town of Worcester, and that the bounty so engaged be levied upon the poles and estates of the inhabitants of the said Town, if the monies already raised & the money to be raised (from the persons who are deficient,) by the Committee appointed for that purpose shall not be sufficient for the payment of said bounty—Voted that the bounty granted by this Town shall be paid to such as shall inlist into said service immediately upon their passing muster—Voted that the before mentioned Committee Consist of seven (viz) Capt Ebenr Lovel, Nathan Baldwin, Josiah Peirce, Ezekiel How, Willm Young Esqr Nathan Perry and Capt. John Kelso—Voted that the sum of money belonging to this Town

in a former Committee[s] hands to raise the soldiers bounty be paid into the hands of this Committee to enable them to pay the bounty to such soldiers as may inlist and that the said Committee pay the same, and account to the Town of their doings and that the Committee make report to the Town at the adjournment of this meeting. Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the last monday of march instant at one OClock after noon to meet at this place

att[t] Will[m] Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting Held at the Public meeting House in Worcester by adjournment from march 18th 1777 to monday 31 day of said march William Young Esq[r] being moderator

The Committee that was chosen at a former meeting to Determine how much the several inhabitants of this Town have Contributed towards the support of the present War with Great Britain &c &c. Informed the Town that they was not Ready to Report and prayed for liberty to report at the further adjournment of this meeting which Request was Granted

And Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the seventh day of april next at one oclock after noon to meet at this place att[t] Will[m] Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Wor[c]ester 5[th] June 1777 Received of Cato Dawes forty six pounds Lawfull money in full for his time During Life

Will[m] Dawes Jur

Nath[n] Baldwin Town Cler

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the seventh day of april A D 1777 after being Legally warned to act on the several artickles contained in the Warrant for said meeting.

1 At said meeting William Young Esqr was chosen moderator

2 The Second article in the warrant was passed over as the Town in a former meeting had acted on an artickle Simmelar and Granted sufficient encouragement to such as should Inlist into the Continental army &c

3 On the third artickle voted that the sum of sixteen hundred and fifty six pounds two shilings & three pence two farthings be and hereby is Granted and that the said Sum be assessed upon the poles and Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town in order to defray the Expence of the present war with Great Britain from the Commencement thereof to this time including the expence of hireing our present quota of men for filling up the Battallions of the Continental army, and that each man or person be allowed for all such public service as he may have done in the said war since the Commencement thereof

Voted that the afforesaid Granted sum be paid into the hands of M^{r}. Nathan Perry Town Treasurer on or before the first Day of June next

Voted that all those Inhabitants of Worcester belonging to the south Parrish in S^{d} Town be & hereby are Exempted from paying any part of the afforesaid Granted sum

Voted that the Committee Chosen at a former meeting (viz) Capt Eben^{r}. Lovel Nathan Baldwin Josiah Peirce Ezekiel How Willm Young Esqr. Nathan Perry and John Kelso, be & hereby are impowered to Draw a sufficient sum of money out of the Towns money in the Hands of M^{r}. Nathan Perry Town Treasurer, to pay the money they may have Borrowed or may have occasion to Borrow for the affores^{d} purpose and that they give orders to the Town Treasurer in favor of all such as have Done Service in the present war so that they may be allowed for the same

4 On the fourth artickle a motion was made & seconded to see if the Town would agre to have a Hospitall Erected in this Town & to carry on Innoculation in S^{d} Hospital for the small pox and the question was put and it passed in the Negative

At said meeting the Committee Chosen in march Last to inquire how much money there was in the Town Treasurers hands arrising

by fines, & in a former committees hands that they hired by order of the Town &c Reported that the sum in the S[d] Treasurer and Committees hands amounted to One hundred & thirty pounds Seven Shillings & eight pence two farthings

The foregoing votes was passed at S[d] meeting
att[t] W[m] Young moderator
Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nath[n] Baldwin Town Clerk

Sutton april 23 1777—We the subscribers being appointed to Perambulate the Line between Sutton & Worcester have attended S[d] Buisness at time & place Begining at the Northwest Corner of Sutton & southwest Corner of Worcester have Renewed the Known Bounds on S[d] Line to the Corner at appletons Farm

Daniel Greenwood
Sam[l] Trask.

We the subscribers pursuant to an appointment of the select men of Worcester to Preambulate the line betwixt Worcester and Leicester have attended said service & began at the Norwest Corner of Worcester at a heap of stones on the Corner of David Moores Land and Renewed the bounds betwixt said Towns to the southeast Corner of Leicester to a heap of stones in a swamp on the Root of a hemlock tree—Worcester april 23 1777

Jon[a] Stone, Asa Moore } of Worcester

William Greene, Joseph Sergeant, Nathan Sergeant } of Leicester

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Oxford april 23 1777 We the Subscribers select men of Oxford met at time & place appointed and Renewed the Bounds Begining at the southwest Corner of Worcester to the Northwest Corner of Oxford and also to the Northwest Corner of Sutton

Ebenezer Learned, Ezra Bowman, Israel Phillips } Select men of Oxford

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We the subscribers pursuant to the trust Reposed in us & by the Desire of the Select men of Worcester have met at the Corner next to Leicester and have prambulated the line and Renewed the Bounds between Worcester & Holden to Shrewsbury line

Holden april 23 1777 — David Fisk, Paul Raymond, John Child Junr } Select men of Holden

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These Certify that we Subscribers on the Day of the Date hereof met & preambulated the line and Renewed the Bounds betwen the Town of Worcester & Shrewsbury whereunto we have Interchangeably set our hands this 23rd day of April 1777

Edwd Flint, Charles Bouk } Comittee of Shrewsbury — Benja Flagg, Josiah Peirce } Comittee of Worcester

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At a Town meeting Held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on Monday the 19th day of may A D 1777 after legal warning for said meeting to act on the artickles Contained in the Warrant for said meeting—A majority of the Select men of said Town being present at said meeting

1 On the first artickle Capt Ebenezer Lovel, Mr David Bigelow Doctr John Greene, & Mr Ezekiel How, was Chosen to Represent Sd Town in the General assembly the Currant Year

2 at said meeting Collol Timothy Bigelow was Chosen moderator

3 on the third artickle voted that the following sums of money be and hereby are Granted for the purposes hereafter mentioned (viz)

	To the Select men to Enable them to support the poore the Currant year and that they account to the Town how the same is expended	£20
4	To the Revd Thaddeus Mecarty for his present years Sallery	100
	To Doctr John Green for medecine & attendance to the widow Sarah Eaton	2 13 4

To the Select men to enable them to pay for Sweeping the meeting House and Ringing ye bell	3
To Colo Timo Bigelow for his attendance on ye Congress in ye years 1774 & 1775	11 5
To Capt Palmer Goulding for Ringing the Bell	1 4

5 On the fifth artickle the Question was put to see if the Town would vote that the South Parrish in said [town] should be set off as a Distinct Town and it passed in the negative

6 On the sixth artickle Voted that Cap^{l}. Palmer Goulding Ring the Bell the Cur^{t}. year & that M^{r}. John Waters take Care of & Sweep the meeting House the Currant year

Then a motion was made to see if the Town would Give Instructions to their Representatives & the Question was put & it passed in the affirmative and the following persons was Chosen as a Committee to Draw up Instructions accordingly (and bring in the same to the Town for their acceptance &c at the adjournment of this meeting) viz M^{r}. Nathan Baldwin Col^{l} Timothy Bigelow & Joshua Bigelow Esq.

At said meeting The Select men made the following Report Respecting the moneys belonging to this Town ariseing by the sale of ministerial Lands viz that the following sums of said Principle is now in the hands of the persons hereafter mentioned Namely in the hands of

David Sanderson	£50	0	0	David Thomas	£33	6	8
Eben^{r} Willington	13	6	8	Jno Taylor			
Palmer Goulding	35	17	10	Wm Young &c	42	13	4
Sam^{ll} McCraken	40			Peter Boyden	33	6	8
David Bigelow	35	16	8	Ezekiel How	20		
Phinehas Ward	22	15	0	Saml Eaton	40		

The School money remains in the hands of
David Baldwin & others £83 6 8

The S^{d} Select men produced voucher that they had Rec^{d}. & payd the interest of S^{d} moneys to the Reverend Mr Mecarty The Town voted the S^{d} Select men be Discharged from S^{d} Interist money See ye Rec^{l} on file

Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the 26th day of this Instant at five OClock P M to meet at this place

Timothy Bigelow moderator

Entered from the originall ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the 26th Day of may A D 1777 by adjournment from monday the 19th day of may Instant

Mr. Nathan Baldwin & Coll. Timothy Bigelow Brought in a Draft of Instructions to be Given to the Representatives of this Town, and after the Same being several times Read distinctly to the Town. The Question was put whether the same should be accepted and the Representatives served with a Coppy thereof, and it passed in the affirmative Nem con

Timo Bigelow moderator

Entered from ye Original Nathn Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the 16th day of June A D 1777 after Legal warning for the same to act on the several artickles Contain[d] in the Warrant for said meeting

1 at said meeting Col. Timothy Bigelow was Chosen moderator

2 On the second artickle Voted that the sum of Twelve Hundred and forty seven pounds be and hereby is Granted to the Committee (chosen in march last) to be assessed upon the poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town) to Enable them to pay the Bounty to such soldiers as have Inlisted and shall inlist into the Continental army for three years or During the War and also to pay all such as have done service in the army for this Town since the Commencement of the present war with Great Britain

3 On the Third artickle Voted that the Select men for the time being do Execute a good Deed to Colo. Timothy Bigelow of a small Lot of Meadow land lying in Prospect meadow agreeable to

his petition & Timothy Paine Esq[r]s Request in Town meeting and that they Receive the money & Interest Due for the same and account to the Town therfor. Voted that the Town will Indemnify the Select men in giving a Deed as aforesaid

[Third article: "For the Town to Impower some person or persons to Execute a deed to Timothy Paine Esqr (or to such other person as he may Direct) of a certain small Lot of meadow land formerly sold to sd Paine"]

4 On the fourth artickle The Select men presented a list of the names of a number of persons whom they Esteemed Enemies & Dangerous to this and the other United States of america and a number of others was nominated in said meeting and said nominations seconded and by the votes of the Town their Names were aded to the list agreeable to a late act of the General assembly. The List of their Names is as Follows viz Nahum Willard, David Moore, Samuel Moore, Cornelius Stowell, Jacob Chamberlain, John Curtis, Gardner Chandler, Micah Johnson Joshua Johnson, William Curtis, Nathan Patch, Joseph Blair, John Barnerd, Palmer Goulding, Jacob Stevens, Joseph Clark & James Hart Junr.

Then The Town made Choice of Mr William Dawes to Collect the Evidence against the before Nàmed persons agreeable to the act of the General assembly on which this artickle in the Warrant is Founded

Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the Thirtieth day of June Instant at Three OClock after noon to meet at this place Tim[o] Bigelow Mode[r]

Entered from the Originall ℔ Nath[n] Baldwin T Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the thirtieth day of June A D 1777 by adjournment from the 16th day of June Instant Colo[l] Timothy Bigelow being moderator

5 On the fifth artickle in the Warrant for said meeting the question was put to see if the Town would Vote their Consent that the Inhabitants of the South parrish in Worcester should be set off into a Distinct Town and it passed in the Negative

6 On the sixth artickle a motion was made & Seconded to see if the Town would Choose persons agreeable to a late act of the General Court to Carry the act against monopoly &c into Execution (and the Town being informed by one of their Representatives that the said act was suspended for the present) and the question was put & it passed in the Negative

At said meeting two several motions was made and seconded that there be an adition made to the list of Enemical persons (voted at a former meeting) and the Town voted that the following persons Names be aded to said list (viz) Robert Crawford & Micah Johnson Junr

Then Voted that the Town Clerk be and hereby is Directed to Suspend making a Return of the Names of all those Enemical persons (untill he shall have the further Directions of the Town) Excepting Nahum Willard, David Moore, Samuel Moore, John Curtis, William Curtis, Micah Johnson Johnson Junr & Robert Crawford

The foregoing votes was passed at S^{d} meeting

Tim^{o} Bigelow moderator

Entered from the Originall ℔ Nath^{n} Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting Legally warned & held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 21st day of July 1777

at said meeting Colo^{l} Timothy Bigelow was Chosen moderator

1 Voted that the Town provide One Hundred fire arms with Bayonets for the Use of the militia of said Town

2 Voted that a Committee Consisting of three persons be chose to procure said arms & Bayonets

3 Voted that Samuel Curtis Esqr M^{r}. William Dawes & m^{r}. William Johnson be the Committee

4 Voted that the afore said Committee be Directed to Petition the Honble the Councel of this State for the arms above said or apply to the Board of war

5 Voted that the Committee be Directed by the Town to borrow moneys sufficient to procure said arms

6 Voted that when the Committee have provided said arms they acquaint Colo[l] Flagg who is to Call upon the Captains of the militia of said Town to Call their Companies together at which time the aforesaid Committee are to Deliver the arms to such of said militia as are Destitute they paying therefor

7 Voted that the Select men be Directed to order the Cannon to be Returned that were Lent to the Town of Glocester

Voted that the Committee Chose to procure arms be Directed to borrow money sufficient to provide half a pound of powder for Each one of the militia as ordered by the Great & General Court of this state and aply to the Select men for an order for the same

attest Timothy Bigelow moderator

Entered from the originall att[s] Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the 13th day of October A D 1777 after Legal Warning for to act on the several artickls Contained in the Warrant for said meeting

1 at said meeting Sam[l] Curtis Esq[r] was Chosen moderator

att[s] Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

2 On the second artickle voted that the sum of fifteen pounds be & hereby is Granted to the Select men in adition to the Grant made in may last to Enable them to support the poor of this Town the Currant Year, they to be accountable to the Town for y[e] same

£15 0

on the S[d] Second artickle the following sums was Granted for the following purposes viz

To Mr. William Taylor for y[e] abatement of Thos Nichols Rates	9	6
To Capt Israel Jennison for arrears of Interest money	2	5
To Saml Curtis Esqr. for Interest money	3	7
To Solomon Bixby for 100 of plank for Kettle brook bridge	0	5
To Nathan Perry & Benja Stowell for Repairing y[e] fence round y[e] Burying Yard	0	12

3 on the the Third artickle Voted that the money Granted at this & all former meetings of this Town the Currant Year (Except the money Granted to augment the Soldiers Bounty &c and the Rev^{d} m^{r}. Mecartys sallery & pay for Ringing the Bell) be assessed in one Tax

4 on the fourth artickle Voted that one half of the before Granted monies be paid into the Town Treasurer the first day of January next and the other half of said money be paid into the Town Treasurer on or before the first day of march next

Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the tenth day of November next at one OClock P M to meet at this place

The foregoing votes were passed at S^{d} meeting

Saml Curtis moderator

Entered from the Original attst Nath^{n} Baldwin Town Clerk

At a public Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 10th day of November A D 1777 by adjournment from monday the 13th day of October A D 1777 Saml Curtis Esqr being Moderator at [said] meeting

Voted that this meeting be further adjourned to monday the 17 day of November Instant at two OClock P M to meet at this place att^{t} Nath^{n} Baldwin Town Clerk

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At a Public Town meeting held at the public meeting house in Worcester on monday the 13th day of Octo^{r}. A D 1777 and Continued by several adjournments to monday the 17th day of Novr. 1777 the Town then met agreeable to adjournment and Voted that this meeting be further adjourned to monday the 24th day of November Instant at Twelve OClock at noon to meet at this place

att^{t} Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Public Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the 24th day of November 1777 by adjournment from monday ye 17th day of Novr Instant

Voted that the following Sums of money be & hereby are Granted for the purposes hereafter mentioned viz

additional Grant to the Revd mr. Mecartys Sallery for ye Curt. Year	£100 0
To Oliver Curtis for Timber for a Bridge	2 5 8

On the Eighth artickle the Question was put whether the Town would make a further Grant to mr. Willm Taylor for Collecting the Taxes the Currant Year and it passed in the Negative

Then Voted that this meeting be Dissolved

Saml Curtis moderator

Entered from the Original Nathn Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the public meeting House in Worcester on monday the 10th day of November A D 1777 after Legal Warning for the same, to act on the several artickles Contained in the Warrant for said meeting

on the first artickle Mr David Bigelow was Chosen moderator of Sd meeting att Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

On the second article Voted that the Town will Raise money for the remaining Eight men to make up this Towns Quota of men to serve in the Continental army voted that the sum of Twenty pounds be and hereby is Granted to Each of the Sd Eight men

On the third article[1] voted to Choose a Committee to Confer with the Town of Sutton (agreeable to their Request in a letter which see upon file in the Town papers) voted that the said Committee Consist of three persons Namely Joshua Bigelow Esqr Capt Edward Crafts & Capt Joshua Whitney

On the fourth artickle[2] Voted to Reconsider the vote of the Town

[1] Third article: "For the Town to take under their Consideration the Request of the Town of Sutton as allso of the Petitioners Respecting a late act of the General Court of this State Respecting the Calling in the Bills of Credit of this state and to act thereon as they may think proper"

[2] Fourth article: "For the Town to take under under their Consideration the Petition of Jacob Hemingway and sixteen others setting forth their un-

upon the Report of the Committee appointed by the Town to make an Estimate of the Expenses incured by the Present War and making an average of the same——Voted to set aside the assessments of Taxes lately made including the average money aboves[d] Refered to

Voted to Choose a Committee to inquire into the appropriation that has been made of the several monies that have at Divers times Come to the hands of the Select men & the several Committees of Correspondence &c of said Town by fines and other payments

Voted that the S[d] Committee Consist of five persons (viz) Joshua Bigelow Esq[r]., Cap[t] Eben[r]. Lovel, Doct[r] John Greene Cap[t] Edw[d] Crafts and M[r] William Stearns.

Voted that the said Committee be impowered to inquire for three years last past

Voted that the said Committee be impowered to inquire of all persons that have paid, or that have Received any of the said monies

Voted that the aforesaid Committee inquire of the Select men Relative to their Disposal of the salt allowed to this Town by the State & of the manner of their Distribution of said salt.

Voted that the aforesaid Committee be impowered to inquire into the state of the powder and Dispose of the same

On the fifth article Voted to Choose a Committee to Draw up an answer to the General Court Respecting the precinct lately Erected out of Worcester, Leicester, Oxford, and Sutton, being set off into a Distinct Town, and lay the same before the Town for acceptance or amendment at the adjournment of this meeting, and that the S[d] Committee Consist of three persons (viz) Mess[rs] Nathan Baldwin, Nathan Perry & David Bigelow

Then voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the 17th day of November instant at one OClock P M to meet at this place

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easiness with the Doings of the Town in several late meetings of said Town Relative to making an average of the Expense incured by the present war and to do and act on said Petition and the several artickles therein Contained as they shall think proper"

This petition comprised the matters acted upon under the fourth article.

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the 17th day of Novr. A D 1777 by adjournment from monday the 10th day of Novr. Instant.

The Committee Chosen at the last meeting to draw up an answer to the General Court Respecting the precinct lately Erected out of Worcester, Leicester, &c &c Reported to the Town, an answer to the General Court which Report was accepted and is as follows (viz) David Bigelow moderr

The Town of Worcester Having been served with a Coppy of the Petition of William Phips & Charles Richardson praying "the present members of the Precinct lately Erected out of Worcester, Leicester, Oxford, & Sutton may be incorporated into a Town, according to a plan Exhibited with said petition &c. and the Honble General assemblys Resolve Thereon, of the 24th day of Octr. last, Requireing the said Towns to shew Cause, if any they have, on the third Wednesday of the next Session of the Sd Court why the prayer of Sd petition should not be Granted"

The Town of Worcester, in answer to Sd Petition and Order of Court, beg leave to say, that they have not been served with a plan of said Town Exhibited with said Petition to the Court, and therefore are not in a Capacity to offer Reasons against, or to comply with it untill they know how far it Extends. But if the said plan Does not include any of those persons nor their Estates which belong to the Town of Worcester, and which were Excepted from being set off to said precinct when it was first Erected. We have no objections to their being made a Distinct Town. But if said plann includes those persons and their Estates who were first Exempted from belonging to said precinct, and are still unwilling to be set off to said Town. We beg leave to say we think it would be Inconsistent to include a Number of persons & their Estates into the said New Town and still Continue them to belong to the Town of Worcester, and to include them in the plann aforesaid & set them off against their Consent & the Consent of this Town, is departing from the principles upon which the said precinct was at first Erected, and will subject the said persons to an inconvenience that they had a right to Expect an Exemption from by the act of

the General assembly & as the said persons who were first Exempted from belonging to S^d^ Precinct and who are still unwilling to be set off to S^d^ new Town and their Estates all lay upon the side of S^d^ new Town next to Worcester, this Town are humbly of Opinion that a line may be run between the Town of Worcester & the S^d^ new Town Leaving the S^d^ persons & their Estates to the Town of Worcester without any Inconveniency to Either of the said Towns. which if Complied with the Town of Worcester are Content

Nath^n^ Baldwin
Nathan Perry } Comittee
David Bigelow

Then the Town Voted that this meeting be Dissolved

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nath^n^ Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the 24th Day of November A D 1777 after Legal Warning for the same to act on the several articles Contained in the Warrant for S^d^ meeting

On the first article M^r^. David Bigelow was chosen moderator of S^d^ meeting att^s^ Nath^n^. Baldwin Town Clerk

Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the first Day of Decem^r^ next at one of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place

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At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the first Day of Decr A D 1777 by adjournment from monday the twenty fourth day of Novem^r^. last M^r^. David Bigelow being moderator

at said meeting a motion was made & Seconded to see if the Town would take under their Consideration the Petition of Capt. John Curtis & Others & act thereon and the question was put and it passed in the affirmative

Then Voted to Receive Capt John Curtis, Nahum Willard, David Moore, Samuel Moore, and Micah Johnson Junr. into the Towns favor and that further prosecution against them, as Enemies

to the United States of america shall sease, they paying the Costs that has arrisen already by means of their being prosecuted as Enemies to the United States, agreeable to their petition, (which see upon file with the Town papers)

David Bigelow moderator

Entered from the originall ℔ Nath[n] Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the 29th day of December A D 1777 after Legal Warning for the same to act on the several articles Contained in the Warrant for S[d] meeting

at said meeting M[r]. David Bigelow was Chosen moderator

on the second article voted to Choose a Committee of three persons to take Care of the families of such soldiers (belonging to this Town) as are in the Continental army, agreeable to a late Resolve of the General assembly of this State for that purpose.

Voted that Mess[rs]. William Dawes, Samuel Brown, and Asa Ward be a Committee for that purpose.

On the third article Voted that in Case no person appears to hire the money in the hands of the Select men, belonging to this Town, which arose by the sale of ministerial land, that they be Directed to put the same into the Treasuryof this State upon loan

On the fourth artickle Voted that the select men be directed to imploy some person, to run into musket bullets a Quantity of lead belonging to y[e] Town Stock

On the fifth article Voted that the meeting House bell be Rang at the usual times at the Expence of the Town

David Bigelow moderator

Entered from y[e] Original ℔ Nath[n] Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the public meeting House in Worcester on monday y[e] 12th day of Jan[y] A D 1778 after legal Warning for the same to act on the several articles Contained in the Warrant.

at said meeting M^r. David Bigelow was Chosen moderator

On the Second article Voted Unanimously that the Confederation agreed upon by the United States in General Congress assembled, is agreeable to the minds of the people of this Town

On the third article Voted to Choose a Committee of three persons to take Care of the School lands belonging to this Town & Voted That M^r. Thomas Wheeler, Joshua Bigelow Esqr. and M^r. Jonathan Gates be a Committee for said purpose.

Voted that the Rev^d M^r. Mecarty have Liberty to Cut & bring off from the said School land 15 loads of wood.

The above Committee is directed to see that no strip or waste of Wood be made on S^d lands nor any wood Cut thereon Except what is voted to M^r. Mecarty.

David Bigelow moderator

Entered from the Originall ℔ Nath^n Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the second Day of February A D 1778 after legal Warning for the same to act on the Several articles in the Warrant for S^d meeting

at said meeting Benjamin Flagg Esqr. was Chosen Moderator

On the second article Voted to Choose two persons as agents for this Town to meet the Committee appointed by the General Court of this State to view the Parrish Lately Erected out of the Towns of Worcester Leicester Oxford and Sutton (and if they the said Committee shall Judge that S^d Parrish ought to be Erected into a Town Then to fix the lines & Boundaries by which said Town shall be Incircled &c) to Confer with ye said Committee in behalf of the Town of Worcester Relative to the premises.

Then Voted that M^r. Nathan Perry and William Young Esqr be agents for said purpose

Then the Meeting was Dissolved

Benj^a Flagg moderator

Entered from the Original ℔ Nath^n Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the 23rd day of February A D 1778 after Legal Warning for the same to act on the articles Contained in the Warrant for Sd meeting

at said meeting Colol Benja Flagg was Chosen Moderator

On the Second artickle in the Warrant, at said meeting a motion was made & seconded to see if the Town will Petition & Remonstrate against the proceedings of Sd Committeea (mentioned in the second article in the Warrant) Establishment of lines Round the Parrish Taken out of the Towns of Worcester Leicester Oxford & Sutton, and the Question was put & passed in the affirmative

Then Voted to Choose a Committee of Three persons to Draw a Petition & Remonstrance and Bring in their Report at the adjournment of this meeting Then the Town made Choice of the Honble. Levi Lincoln Esqr William Young Esqr. and Capt Nathan Perry a Committee for Sd purpose Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned for one quarter of an hour

Then mett according [to] adjournment and the aforesaid Committee made Report (which see on the file) and said report was accepted. Then Voted that the Honble Levi Lincoln attend the General [Court] & prefer the Sd Petition & Remonstrance to Sd Court. Then Voted that this meeting be Desolved

The foregoing Votes was passed at Sd meeting

attt Benjn Flagg moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathn Baldwin Town Clerk

At a public Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in Worcester on Monday the Second Day of March A D 1778, to act on the Several Articles in the Warrant

At Said Meeting Samuel Curtis Esqr. was chosen Moderator

Attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Then voted that this Meeting be adjourned to monday the ninth Day of this Instant at nine OClock in the forenoon to meet at this place

Monday March 9th 1778 Met agreeable to adjournment and on the Second article in the Warrant made choice of

Joshua Bigelow Esqr. Capt Ebenezer Lovel Robert Smith William Stearns Nathaniel Brooks Selectmen & Overseers of the Poor

Sworn William Stearns Town Clerk

Sworn Dr. John Green Town Treasurer

Third article out of place 15 £ Grant } William Taylor Collector of Taxes and Granted 15 pounds to pay him for said service

Samuel Curtis Esqr Samuel Brown James Moore assessors declined Serving

Daniel Bigelow Joseph Barber Nathaniel Heywood Committee of Correspondence

Sworn Joseph Ball
Sworn William Johnson } Constables

Samuel M°Craken Sealer of Leather

Samuel Bridge Ephraim Curtis Clerks of the Market

Samuel Fullerton David Bigelow Surveyors of Boards & Shingles

Samuel Clark David Chadwick John Barnard Ezra Cary John Elder Josiah flagg Ephm Miller James Moore Thomas Wheeler Benja Stowel Thomas Nichols Joseph Barber Surveyors of Highways and Collectors of Highway Taxes

Levi Houghton Joshua Whitney fence viewers

Solomon Bixby Joseph Ball Jonathan Rice Tithingmen

Francis Cutting Reuben Rice Deer Reeves

Samuel Whitney Jonathan Osland Field Drivers

Ebenr Barber Charles Adams Eli Chapin Phinehas Gleason Josiah Flagg John Welsh Wm Buxton William Quigley Ezra Jones John More Hog Reeves

A County Treasurer voted for

On the 5th article voted that Samuel Curtis Esqr Saml Bridge Leuit Josiah Peirce Committee to Settle accounts with the Town Treasurer

On the fourth Article voted That those Quarters of the Town which have not Expended their Quota of moneys granted for

Schooling the Last year be allowed to Expend the Same the Current year

Voted that the sum of Four hundred & fifty pounds be granted levied and assessed upon the poles and Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town to be appropriated to keep the public & Town Roads in Repair the Current year

Voted, That the Inhabitants of this Town have the Liberty of Working out their Taxes aforesaid, at the price of twelve Shillings per Day for a man & in the like Proportion for Teams and Implements, Provided said Tax shall be worked out Before the Last Day of June next

Voted, that the Swine may go at large the Current year, they being Lawfully yoked and ringed

Voted that the Selectmen be discharged from any Demands for the Interest money ariseing by the Sale of the Ministerial Lands to November 1, 1777

On the Report of the Committee[1] mentioned in the Last article in the warrant Voted that the first paragraph of said Report be accepted

Then a motion was made & Seconded to see if the Town would accept of the whole of said Report and the Question was put

Then voted that the Last vote be reconsidered & that the said Report be left in the hands of the Town Clerk to be further acted upon at the adjournment of this meeting

Then voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the Last monday of this Instant at One of the Clock in the afternoon to meet at this Place, and said meeting is accordingly adjourned

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At a Town Meeting held at the Public Meeting House in Worcester By adjournment from monday March 9th 1778, to the last monday of said March, Samuel Curtis Esqr being Moderator

[1] Appointed to inquire into the appropriation of monies, &c. See page 306.

On the 4th article respecting the School in Said Town Voted that the School be kept in the Same manner as in the Last year

Voted that the Sum of two hundred pounds be granted raised and assessed for the Support of the Grammar School the Current year

Voted that Mr. Samuel Bridge be a Committee to provide a Grammar School Master in the Middle of the Town

Voted that Solomon Bixby Jonathan Phillips William Mcfarland Josiah Harrington Junr Capt Joshua Whitney Thomas Knight Deacon Saml Miller Samuel Curtis Esqr Lt Josiah Peirce John Moore & Thaddeus Bigelow be a Committee to Provide English School masters in the Several Quarters of the Town

On the Eleventh article[1] in Said Warrant Voted not to accept the Report in Said Article Refered to

Then Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to Monday the 13th of April next at One O'Clock in the after noon then to Meet at this Place

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At a public Town Meeting Held at the Meeting house in Worcester by adjournment from the last monday in March A. D 1778 to Monday the 13th. of April then next

All the first assessors chosen the first Day of this Meeting Refusing to Serve in their office, Voted to Choose others in their Room

Then Chose John Cunningham Edward Craft James More assessors for the Current year

Two of them declined Serving

Upon Motion to take up & act further on the Second article in the Warrant Voted to add two to the Number of the Committee of Correspondence

Then Chose Jonathan Rice Capt William Dana To be with others at this meeting before chosen a Committee of Correspondence for the Current year

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[1] See note, page 313.

On Motion Voted to reconsider the vote for not accepting the Report in the Eleventh Article in the Warrant

Voted that Said Report be considered Paragraph by Paragraph

Voted to accept the first Paragraph in Said Report and the Second

Voted to accept the third Parapraph—Which said paragraphs are in the words following Viz :

Worcester March 7th 1778

We the Subscribers appointed in November last a Committee to enquire into the appropriation that has been made of the Several Monies that have at diverse times Come to the hands of the Select men, & Several Committees &c for three years Last past, & to enquire of all persons that have paid or Received any of Said Monies—to Enquire of the Select men Relative to their Disposal of the Salt allowed to this Town by the State and to enquire into the State of the towns powder and dispose of the same Have attended that Service & beg leave to Report as follows, namely

That your Committee after Diligent Enquiry find that since the Beginning of November Anno Domini 1776 the Sum of £605 - 4 has Come to the hands of Mr. Nathan perry One of the Select men and Town Treasurer, & to the Hands of the Committee of Correspondence as appears to us by Receipts & other Sufficient vouchers —That the money which Came to the Hands of the Committee of Correspondence &c has been paid to the Town Treasurer

What other Sums of Public money have within the limits of the time for our Enquiry been paid To the Select men & Town Treasurer is to your Committee unknown as we have had no information in this Respect, though we have often Requested it, and whereas your Committee have often Desired the Select men & town treasurer to give them an explicit account in what manner said moneys have been appropriated, in order that they (your Committee) might be enabled to give Satisfactory information to the Town in this behalf, yet such account has always been Refused, So that your Committee apprehend that the Selectmen & Town Treasurer deem them selves not accountable to your committee or to the Town ;

and that there is a considerable Quantity of money Raised by fines and otherwise, still in the hands of the Town Treasurer & Selectmen, as by the Best Intelligence that can be obtained, Sixteen Soldiers, or more in the Continental Service for this Town, have not as yet Received any of the Towns money, exclusive of those eight men last raised by a Draft for that purpose

The Question being put whether the Town accept of the next paragraph in the Report & in passed in the negative

The Question being put whether the Town will accept of the Paragraph in the Report Relating to the Salt, & voted to accept it which is as follows viz :

With Respect to the Salt allowed to this Town by the State your Committee Beg leave to exhibit the following account. That the Selectmen Engrossed to them selves the Business of Transporting Said Salt from Boston & have Charged Such Sums Per Bush as must amount to nearly 130 Dollars above the original Cost of Said Salt—That so far as your Committee can discover said salt was distributed to a part of the Inhabitants of the Town in very unequal and undue Proportions, That numbers of People living without the limits of the Town received large Portions & that numbers of the Inhabitants equally or more in need of Salt, & equally entitled to a Share, have Received none—The Select men having never given any Sufficient public notice of their having procured Said Salt—That two of those who undertook to distribute Said Salt have never Rendered any account of their Doings to your Committee & that the Distribution made by those who have Rendered an account is Contrary to the meaning & Spirit of the Resolve. & to the concurrent Practice of all the Towns whose distributions of Public Salt have come to the knowledge of your Committee upon Diligent Enquiry, And your Committee hereupon Submit it to the Consideration of the Town, whether they will pass an Order that some method Shall be pursued to enable those who have been deprived of their Share of Said Salt, to recover their Just Proportion agreeable to the Intention of the General Court in allowing the Same

Voted not to accept the last Paragraph in Said Report

The whole Report Signed by Joshua Bigelow Ebenezer Lovel Edward Crafts & William Stearns, Committee

Then voted to Dissolve this Meeting which was accordingly Dissolved

Entered from the Original minutes

Per Wm Stearns Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Male Inhabitants of the town of Worcester above the age of twenty one years & free, at the public Meeting House in said Town being duly warn'd & there held on the 13th Day of April A. D. 1778 At Ten o'Clock in the forenoon, to act on the Articles Contained in the warrant

On the first article Chose Doctor John Greene Moderator

Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

Voted to adjourn Said Meeting till 4 o'Clock in the afternoon of the same Day——Then met according to adjournment——Then voted to adjourn this Meeting to the Second monday of May next at one o'Clock in the afternoon to meet at this Place & said Meeting is accordingly adjourned

Monday May 11th 1778. Met according to adjournment.

Then voted that there be a further adjournment of this Meeting to Tuesday the 19th Day of this Instant May at one O'Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place

Tuesday May 19th. 1778. Met according to adjournment

The Town Proceeded to act on the Second article in the Warrant—and there being 58 voters present of the said Inhabitants, The Question was put whether they approve of the said Constitution[1] or form of Government; and nine voters voted in the affirmative to accept the same—And forty nine of said Inhabitants Present voted not to accept of the Said Constitution or form of Government

Then voted to dissolve the meeting

The foregoing votes were passed in said Meeting

Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

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[1] Of Massachusetts.

At a public Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester duly warned and assembled, and qualified to vote for a Representative and in Town affairs, held at the Meeting House in Said Town on the nineteenth Day of May A D. 1778 at nine o'Clock in the forenoon as by Warrant Directed

All the Selectmen being Present, Voted, to adjourn the said Meeting to One O'Clock in the Afternoon of the same Day to meet at the same Place

Tuesday May 19th 1778, Met according to the Above adjournment The Town Proceeded to act on the first article in the Warrant—And the Question being put "whether the Town will Elect and depute one or More Representatives, and it passed in the affirmative

The Question being put "How many Representatives the Town will depute—and voted to Choose one Representative only Then the Town made Choice of Samuel Curtis Esqr a Representative for this Town the Current year

On the 2nd Article, Chose Samuel Curtis Esqr Moderator

On the 3d Article, Voted that the sum of Three Hundred Pounds be, & hereby is granted to the Revd Mr. Maccarty for his Salary for the Present Year

On the 4th Article Voted not to Sell the Land[1] in Said Article referred to

On the 5th Article voted that Mr. Nathan Baldwin, Mr. David Bigelow, & Mr Nathan Perry be a Committee to Receive and Examine the accounts of Such articles of Cloathing as have been Procured agreeable to said Recommendation, & lay the same before the Town properly adjusted at their next meeting, and that the further Consideration of this Article be adjourned to the first monday in June Next at one o'Clock afternoon

On the 6th Article[2] voted upon the Representation made by Mr David Thomas, that he be allowed the Sum of five Pounds in that Behalf

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[1] "The School Lot lying on & near Wigwam Hill."

[2] Sixth article: "To See if the Town will make any allowance to Mr David Thomas for his Extraordinary Expenses in transporting and conveying Cloathing to the Continental Army in the Winter Past."

On the 7th Article voted that the Select men be impowered to hire & pay a Proper Person to take care of the Meeting House & Ring the Bell for the Present year

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the first monday in June next at one o'Clock in the afternoon to Meet at this Place And it is accordingly adjourned

Monday June 1st. 1778. Met according to the above adjournment Then the Committee Chosen under the fifth article in the warrant Brought in their Report—Then voted to postpone the Consideration of the Report of the aforesaid Committee to the next Town meeting and that an article be inserted for this Purpose in the warrant for Calling Such Meeting

Then voted that this Meeting be dissolved, and it is dissolved accordingly

The foregoing votes were Passed at Said Meeting

Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs duly warned, & assembled at the public meeting House in Said Town on Tuesday the nineteenth Day of May 1778 at three O'Clock in the after noon, to act on the Several articles contained in the warrant for said Meeting

At Said Meeting Samuel Curtis Esqr was Chosen Moderator

Attest William Stearns Town Cler

On the Second article Voted That Doctor John Green have the Liberty to procure a Pest House for the taking in those who have the Small Pox in the natural way, and for Inoculation, for the space of one year to be under the Direction of the Selectmen

Doctor Green then Moved that he might inoculate for the Small pox in his own house?—But after the Motion was Seconded withdrew it

The Question being moved & put whether the Town would make

any addition to m^r^ Crosby's wages, and it passed in the Negative[1]

On the fourth article Voted that the Steel in said Article Referred to, be sold, & that the Selectmen Sell the Same, & account to the Town at their next meeting

On the fifth Article voted to accept the account of the Committee[2] in Said article Referred to, & that they be allowed the Sum of Thirty Eight pounds fifteen Shillings & Seven pence, it being the Ballance due to said Committee as by acc^t^. filed and allowed by the Town will appear

Ballance due to William Dawes	£10	10	5
To Samuel Browne	18	05	5
To Asa Ward	9	19	9

Then voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of June next at 2 o'Clock in the afternoon to meet at this Place, and it is accordingly adjourned

Entered from the Original Minutes

Per Wm Stearns Town Clerk

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in Worcester on Monday the first Day of June A. D. 1778, by adjournment from Tuesday the nineteenth Day of May 1778

The Town Took into further Consideration the Second article in the Warrant, and

Voted that D^r^. John Green have liberty to use D^r^. Willm Walkers house as a pest House, to take those who have the Small pox in the Natural Way and for Inoculation for twelve months, to be under the Direction of the Selectmen Provided the Town be thereby Subjected to no Charge, Provided also that Dr Green obtain the Licence of the next Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden in this County

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[1] Article third: "To See if the Town will make any addition to the Wages of Mr Samuel Crosby for his Past Services, in Consideration of the disproportion there is between his pay granted by the Town & the Prices of the Necessaries of Life."

[2] "Chosen to take care of the poor Women in this Town whose husbands are in the Public Service."

Voted, That it is the sense of this Town that Dr Green be directed to call in all his Patients, that are under Inoculation, if any such there are, into the Said Pest House, And it is expected by the Town that Dr Green Strictly Complies with the vote of the Town as this Day amended, respecting the Same, under the Penalties of the Law in such Case Made and Provided—And that the Selectmen Serve Dr. Green with a Copy of the above votes

Then voted to Dissolve the Meeting which was dissolved accordingly

The foregoing votes were passed at this Meeting

Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

At a Town Meeting held at the public Meeting house in Worcester, after legal Warning had for that purpose, on monday the first Day of June Anno Domini 1778 at three o'Clock in the afternoon

1 At said meeting Mr. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator

2 On the Second article in the Warrant the town Brought in their votes for a County Treasurer

3 On the Third article, the Town took into Consideration the petition of Saml Clark, Noah Jones & others, and the Question being put whether the Town would order the Expense of Raising men for the public Service as Set forth & Requested in Said Petition, to be defreyed by a Tax, It passed in the Negative

Then voted that this Meeting be adjourned to monday the fifteenth Day of June 1778 at one o'Clock in the afternoon to Meet at this Place, and it was adjourned accordingly

Monday June 15th 1778 Met according to the above adjournment, and without acting anything further on the articles Contained in the Warrant voted to Dissolve this meeting, & it was dissolved accordingly David Bigelow Moderator

Entered from the Original Minutes

Attest William Stearns Town Cler

At a Town Meeting legally Warned and held at the public Meeting House in Worcester on Monday the twenty Sixth Day of October A. D. 1778 by the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Said Town Qualified to vote in Town affairs to act on the articles contained in the Warrant for said Meeting

On the first article Chose Mr William Stearns Moderator

On the 2nd article[1] voted to postpone the Consideration of said article till the other articles are acted upon

On the 3^d^. article voted that all the Money in Said article Referred to Except the Ministers Salary be levied and assessed in one Tax

On the 4th article voted that the powder house be sold Voted that the Selectmen Be a Committee to Make Sale of the Powder house for the Most the same Will fetch

On the 5th article voted to receive & examine the accounts of any of the Inhabitants of the Town——Voted that the accounts Exhibited be Read——On motion Voted that Said accounts be committed to a Committee for Examination—— Voted that the Committee Consist of three persons

Voted that Timothy Paine Esqr. M^r^. David Bigelow & Mr Jonathan Rice be a Committee to examine the accounts now Exhibited & Read, with the vouchers, & Report at the adjournment of this Meeting

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd to monday the ninth Day of November next at one o'Clock in the afternoon to meet at this Place and it is accordingly adjourned

Attest William Stearns Town Cler

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Monday November 9th 1778 Met according to the above adjournment

On the Sixth Article voted to appoint a Committee to adjust the Amount of the value of the Shirts Stockings Shoes & other Cloathing

[1] To grant money for common charges.

& money given as in the article Referred to, and that the Committee make Report at the adjournment of this Meeting

Voted that Said Committee Consist of three Persons

Voted that M^r. John Cunningham, Mr John Nazro, & Deacon Miller be a Committee for the aforesaid purpose

On the 7th Article,[1] voted that Mr John Nazro, Mr Nathan Perry & Capt Israel Jennison be a Committee to Collect & receive subscriptions for the Revd Mr Maccarty

On the 8th article voted to pay M^r. Knight Six Shillings p^r. week from the 7th of April 1777 to the 7th of April 1778, for boarding the Widow Sarah Eaton—Voted to pay Mr Knight twenty pounds for twenty-weeks Board of the Widow Eaton from & after the Said Seventh of April 1778

On the 9th Article voted that Joshua Bigelow Esqr, Samuel Curtis Esqr & William Stearns be a Committee to make the further Enquiry in the article referred to, and to Enquire of all persons who have any of the Towns money in their hands, & to make Report to the Town

On the 10th Art^le voted that Joshua Bigelow Esqr Timothy Paine Esqr & William Young Esqr be a Committee to Renew the Bounds of the lands[2] in said article referred to

On the 12th article voted that Capt William Dana be a Committee to Repair the fences Round the Burying ground, & to procure a new Gate

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Wednesday the Eighteenth Day of this Instant November at one o'Clock in the after noon to meet at this place, And it is accordingly adjourned

Attest William Stearns Town Cler

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[1] "Art. 7th For the Town to take into their Consideration the great advance of the prices of the articles of Common Consumption Since last Spring and make further Provision for the Support & Subsistence of the Revd Mr. Maccarty the Rest of the Current year, agreeable to his Request & to act thereon as the Town shall think proper."

[2] School and ministerial lands.

Wednesday November 18th

Met according to the aforesaid Adjournment

The Committee appointed on the fifth article in the Warrant to examine the accounts Exhibited & Read to the Town made Report in favor of allowance of the following Sums to the following Persons, & accordingly voted & granted each of the Sums following to the Persons whose Names are prefixed to them Viz :—

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To William Young Esqr Josiah Peirce, Nathan Perry & John Kelso for money borrowed by them to pay Soldiers enlisted for the Town, in the Continental Army	660	12	10
To Mr. Asa Ward for Supplying Mrs Knower with Provisions	31	10	2½
To Mr William Dawes for Supplying Mrs Dunkam with Provns	43	11	9
To Doctr William Walker for Medicine & attendce on Margaret Miles	11	4	7
To Same for Physick & visits to Mr Pages son when Sick of the Small pox	10	15	3¼
To Levi Lincoln Esqr for his Services Last march at Boston	10	12	6
To Mr Nathan Perry for his Services in attending the Courts Comtee & at Boston last February, & for Boarding Tamison Kimbolton & Money paid Scipio for Ringing the Bell	5	19	0
To Josiah Knight for Wood	6	14	0
To Eleanor Walker for Nursing Mary Hamilton	5	02	0
To Mr. David Chaddick for Wood Carried to the Widow Oaks	3	12	0
To Capt Micah Johnson for 375 feet of Plank	11	00	0
To Nathl Heywood for mending the Bell Tongue & Meeting house Door	1	10	0
To Jonathan Rice for Taking Care of Temison Kimbolton 3 Weeks	7	10	0

Then the Town voted to allow the following Sums & Made the following Grants to the Persons hereafter named, on their accounts bro't into the Meeting Viz :

To Doctr Bussel of Leicester for Medicines & Care of Mrs Hamilton & her Daughter Mary when sick of the Small Pox	16	5	0
To William Johnson for Conveying Tamison Kimbolton & her Child to Marlboro.	6	3	0

To William Mahan for Carrying Mrs Hamilton & her Daughter to Leicester & bringing them home again	1	0	0
To Martha Wiley for Board & Nursing Margaret Miles 52 Weeks	36	8	0
To Mr Nathan Perry, an allowance for a Counterfeit Bill	2	8	0
To Leiut Josiah Peirce for a Counterfeit Bill	2	8	0
To Mr William Johnson for Sundrys for the Meeting House	1	1	0
To Leiut Benjamin Stowel for Boarding Tamison Kimbolton & her Child & Making 166 lb of Musquet Balls for the Town	14	5	4
To Mr Jabob Hemenway for assisting in the Removal of Mary Hamilton & her mother to Leicester & Bringing them Home again	1	00	0
To Mr William Elder for Boarding Tamison Kimbolton & Child 10 weeks & 3 Days	6	06	0
To Ezra Jones for a Horse & Chaise to Leicester	0	13	6
To Capt David Henshaw for taking Care of Mrs Hambleton & her Daughter	13	4	0
To Saml Fullerton for Removing pages son sick of the small pox	0	10	0
Then the Committee appointed under the Sixth article in the Warrant for adjusting the value of the Cloathing money &c there mentioned reported that the amount of all that had Come to their knowledge is 321,, 14,, 0, as by the Report on file may more fully appear	£321	14	0

Voted to accept the Report of the Said Committee

Voted that the assessors have liberty to add to the above Sum all Such Donations as shall before making the Taxes, be made to appear by proper vouchers

4 4 0
To Robert Smith for two Shirts
0 18 0
To Mr John Fisk

Voted that the above sum & the other Sums Refer'd to next above be levied & assessed upon the poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town

Then the Town Resumed the Consideration of the Seventh article & voted the additional Sum of three hundred pounds to the Rev^{d} M^{r}. Maccarty for the Currant year

Then the Town took into Consideration the second article in the Warrant, & voted the Sum of one hundred Pounds to defrey the Common and ordinary Charges of this Town the Current year

Then voted to dissolve this Meeting & it was Dissolved accordingly The foregoing votes were passed at this Meeting

Attest William Stearns Moderator & Town Clerk

At a Town Meeting Legally warned & held at the public Meeting house in Worcester on monday the first Day of February A. D. 1779 by the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs, to act on the articles contained in the Warrant for Said Meeting

On the first article chose Mr William Stearns Moderator of said Meeting

On the Second article,[1] voted not to act thereon but to Dismiss the Same

On the third article, voted that the additional Sum of three Pounds be granted to Capt David Henshaw for his Charges in Entertaining Mary Hamilton &c & boarding Nurses &c

Then voted to Dissolve this Meeting, & it was Dissolved accordingly

The foregoing votes were passed at Said Meeting

Attest Willm Stearns Moderator & Town Cler

At a Town meeting Legally Warned according to the within Warrant held on the eighth Day of March, A. D. 1779 at ten o'Clock in the forenoon at the public meeting House in Said Town of Worcester to act on the Several articles contained in Said Warrant

On the first article, Chose Mr David Bigelow Moderator of S^{d}. Meeting Attest William Stearns Town Cler

2nd Ar^{t} William Stearns Mr David Bigelow Capt Eben^{r} Lovel Mr Robert Smith Mr Nathl Brooks Selectmen & overseers of the Poor

William Stearns Town Clerk

D^{r}. John Green Town Treasurer

Deacon Jacob Chamberlain & L^{t}. Nathan Perry Wardens

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[1] "To know the minds of the Town, whether they will grant any sum of Money for the Relief of those persons who are in the Continental army &c."

Messrs Joseph Barber Nath[l] Heywood Jonathan Rice William Dana Jonathan Phillips Committee of Correspondence Inspection &c

Nathan Heard, Sealer of leather

Sam[l] Bridge Ephraim Curtis Clerks of the Market

Samuel Fullerton David Bigelow Surveyors of Boards & Shingles

William Dana David Chaddick William Mahan John Elder Jonathan Lovel James M[c]Farland Lemuel Rice Jacob Holmes Nath[l] Moore John Chamberlain Jonathan Gleason Surveyors of Highways & Collectors of Highway Taxes

Levi Houghton Cap[t] Joshua Whitney Fence viewers

Solomon Bixbee Benjamin Stowel James Barber Tythingmen

Samuel Clark Samuel Goddard Deer Reeves

Samuel Whitney Samuel Bridge Field Drivers

Ebenezer Barber Edward Knight John Elder Jonathan Osland William Trowbridge Solomon Smith Ellis. G. Blake Sam[l] Hemmenway Solomon Willard John Goddwin Hog Reaves

Voted to pass over the 3[d] article[1] for the Present

On the 4th article, voted That the Schooling & Schools in the Town be kept in the Same Manner as in the Last year

Voted and Granted the Sum of Six Hundred pounds for the Support of Schools in the Town, the Current year

Then chose M[r]. John Nazro a Committee to procure a Grammar School Master for the Center District

Then Chose M[r] John Barnard John Chamberlain Samuel Whitney Jonathan Rice Eben[r] Willington Robert Gray William Dana Jonathan Lovel Asa Moore William Gates a Committee to procure & Support Schooling in the Several Districts in the Town

On the 5th Art. Voted, & Chose Mess[rs] Jonathan Rice Samuel Brown James Moore a Committee to Settle accounts with the Town Treasurer

On the Sixth article Voted, that the Sum of Nine hundred pounds

[1] To choose a collector of taxes.

be granted, Raised Levied and assessed on the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town, for amending & keeping in Repair the highways Causeyways, & Bridges in S^d^ Town for the Current year —& that twenty four shillings be given pr Man for a Days work in a Mending S^d^ ways &c, & for Teams Carts, & Plows, employed in Said Business, in the usual proportion, provided the work shall be faithfully done

voted those who have not paid their highway Taxes for the last year, nor worked them out, have Liberty to work to their amount, at any time before the first Day of June Next

Voted that the List of Highway Taxes for the Last year, directed & Intended for Mr Ephraim Miller the Last year but not delivered to him be directed & delivered to the Surveyor Chosen in his Room for the Ensuing year, & that Said Surveyor Collect & improve the money in Said Miller's list agreeable to the Directions he shall Receive from the Selectmen for the Ensuing year

On the Seventh art. voted that the Swine go at Large the year ensuing provided they be yoked & ringed according to Law

On the 9th Art. Voted that Mr Solomon Bixbee & others in this petition mentioned, be annexed to Capt Eben^r^ Lovels district of Schooling agreeable to their Request

On the Tenth art. voted not to grant the prayer of the petition[1] of Mr John Fisk & others as set forth in said article—and that Said article be dismissed

On the Eleventh art.[2] Voted to choose a Committee to make Enquiry Relative to the Canon in Said Article Mentioned

Then voted that Mr Jonathan Rice Capt Eben^r^ Lovel & Capt Whitney [be a committee] to make the Enquiry above said

Then voted that the Consideration of the Several articles in the Warrant not acted on be put over to the Time of the Town Meeting on the Adjournment hereof

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[1] "Requesting that the Town would make an Estimate of the Expense this Town has been at in Supporting the War, & to make an average of the Same &c."

[2] "To Enquire how the Canon the Town were furnished with have been disposed of &c."

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to monday the fifteenth Day of March Instant at 2 O'Clock in the afternoon then to Meet at this place And adjourned accordingly

Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

Monday March 15th 1779

At a Town Meeting duly warn'd And met according to the above adjournment, the Town proceeded to act on the Remaining articles in the Warrant

Mr David Bigelow being Moderator

On the third article in the Warrant Mr William Taylor was chosen Collector of Taxes for the year 1779, & that he give Bonds for the faithfull Performance of his Duty—Voted that Sixty pounds be paid Said Taylor as a Reward for his Services

At the adjournment of this Meeting Mr William Taylor Mr Wm Johnson & Mr Joseph Miller were Chosen Constables for 1779

On the Eighth art. Voted to allow Mr William Taylor the Additional Sum of forty five pounds as a Reward for his Services as Collector for the year 1778

On the article Respecting the Canon at Glocester, Voted that Samuel Curtis Esqr be a Committee to apply to the General Court for payment for the Same & that he be directed to make such application as soon as May be

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to thursday the 14th Day of May next at three o'Clock in the afternoon to Meet at this Place And adjourn'd accordingly Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

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At a Town Meeting Held by adjournment at the public meeting house in Worcester on thursday the fourteenth day of May A. D. 1779 Mr David Bigelow being Moderator

Voted to adjourn this Meeting further to Thursday the twentieth Instant at 3 o'Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place & Adjourned accordingly Attest William Stearns Town Cler

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in Worcester on the 20th Instant according to the above adjournment to act on the Remaining articles in the Warrant for the Annual March Meeting of Said Town Mr David Bigelow being Moderator

The Town voted to Resume the Consideration of the Second article in the Warrant, & Then Chose Leiut Thomas Wheeler a Selectman & assessor in the Room of Capt Ebenr Lovel who Declined Serving

On the 12th & last Article in the Warrant "For the Town if they think Proper to accept a *Two*-Rod Road Laid out by the Select men &c

Voted to accept the following Report of the Selectmen Viz

"Worcester March 1st 1779

"In Compliance with the Request of Messeiurs James Barber, Joseph Barber & others for a Road from Mr Rufus Flaggs throw Mr Heaths Land to the Road leading by Mr Samuel Moores, we have attended the Service & laid out a Road from a Stake and a Large Stone or Rock about 8 Rods South of Mr Rufus Flaggs House or Shop—Thence Running North a direct Line to a Walnut tree with two Chops or Marks on the West Side – From thence North, a little Westerly to a Small White oak tree or Plant marked with two Chops, Standing in the Stone wall dividing Mr Heaths Plow land from his pasturing—From thence in a Right line 20 Rods to a Chesnut Tree Mark'd with two Chops—Thence Northerly as the Path is now trod to Mr Heath's Barn—from thence as the Road or path is trod throw the Lane that Mr Heath purchased of Mr Samuel Hunt The Said Road to be two Rods wide on the West side of the Said Mark'd trees & Barn—All which is Humbly Submitted to the Consideration of the Town by

Ebenr Lovel, William Stearns, Nathl Brooks } Selectmen of Worcester

A true Copy of the original

Voted that in Consideration of Mr Heath's giving the Land for the Road throw his farm, this Town will pay the Cost of Building the Fence on that Part

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved—And it is dissolved accordingly The foregoing votes were passed at this Meeting

Attest William Stearns Town Cler

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to vote in Town affairs duly Warned, assembled & Met at the Public Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the fifteenth Day of March A. D. 1779 at three o'Clock in the afternoon to act on the articles Contained in the Warrant

On the first article Chose Mr David Bigelow Moderator of Said Meeting Attest William Stearns Town Cler

On the 2nd Article The Committee[1] not Ready to Report & prayed for further Time, which was granted

On the 3^d^ Article voted that the Sum of Seven pounds Shillings be allowed to Mr Samuel Bridge for so much by him expended in paying a grammar School master over & above the Center Squadrons Proportion of School money, & that Said Sum be deducted from the Said Squadron's next years proportion of School money

On the 4th Article,[2] voted that the Care of Said Mulatto Child be Left discretionary with the Selectmen

On Consideration, the Sixth Article[3] passed in the affirmative

Voted & granted the Sum of two thousand pounds for the purposes in Said Article Expressed & Set forth

Voted that the Militia officers in said Town be a Committee to procure men for the public Service—& to Draw the money above granted & be accountable to the Town for the Expenditure

On the Eighth article The Question being put whether the Town will Choose Inspectors &c & it passed in the Negative

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the fourteenth Day of May next, at three o'Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place and accordingly adjourned Attest William Stearns Town Cler

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[1] Appointed to settle accounts with the town treasurer.

[2] "4thly To See if the Town will make any Provision for the Support of a poor Mulatto child the Daughter of Joseph Brooks's wife likely to become a Town Charge"

[3] "6thly for the Town. if they think proper, to agree & order that the Support of the war as it Respects the Town, Shall in future be by a Tax Levied & assessed on the polls & Estates of the Inhabitants thereof"

The Town Met according to the above adjournment, Mr David Bigelow being Moderator May 14th A. D. 1779

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the twentyeth Day of May Instant at 4 o'Clock in the afternoon to Meet at this Place & adjourned accordingly Attest Wm Stearns Town Cler

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Thursday May 20th 1779 The Town Met according to the above adjournment Mr David Bigelow being Moderator

On the Second art. in the Warrant the Committee appointed to Settle accounts with the Town Treasurer Bro't in a Report of their Settlement with Dr John Green Town Treasurer of Worcester in 1778—in Form following Viz

Worcester May 14th 1779 We the Subscribers being Committee appointed by the Town [of] Worcester at their annual Meeting in March A. D. 1778 to Settle with the Town Treasurer have attended Said Service and Beg leave to Report that the within account ("whh See on file") appears to be Just & true & that the treasurer of said Town has in his hands a Ballance of Seventy Pounds Six Shillings & Ten pence Lawfull money

All which is Submitted by your humble Servants

Signed Josiah Peirce, Samuel Bridge } Committee

Voted to accept the above Report

On the 5th article voted to accept the following Report of the Selectmen Viz :

Report of the Selectmen of Worcester of the money belonging to the Town of Worcester and of the Persons in whose hands the Same is lodged is as follows viz :

In the Hands of Messieurs

Samuel MacCraken	£80	0	0
Palmer Goulding	46	13	4
Phinehas Ward	22	15	0
Ezekiel Howe	20	0	0

Oliver Robinson	50	0	0
John Taylor	42	3	4
David Thomas	33	6	8
£35,, 16,, 8 lies in the hands of the Treasurer not on Loan	35	16	8
School Money in the Hands of Mr David Baldwin	£83	6	8
Sum Total	414	1	8

The Interest of the Ministerial Money Received & paid to the Reverend Mr Maccarty up to the first of November last

The above Report is Submitted to the Town by the Subscribers

William Stearns
David Bigelow
Robert Smith
Nathaniel Brooks
} Selectmen of Worcester

Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting—and it was accordingly dissolved

The foregoing votes were passed at this Meeting

Attest William Stearns Town Cler

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs and in the Choice of a Representative duly Warned & held at the public meeting house in Said Town on the twentieth Day of May Anno Domini 1779 at one o'Clock in the after[noon] to act on the articles Contained in the Warrant

1 On the first art. Samuel Curtis Esqr was Chosen a Representative to Serve for & represent Said Town in the General Court the Present Year

2 On the 2nd Art Samuel Curtis Esqr was Chosen Moderator

3d Art[1] Voted that the Consideration of this article be postponed to the time to which this Meeting Shall be adjourned

4th Art[2] Voted that the Consideration of this Article be postponed in like manner as the above

5th Art[3] Voted that the Consideration of this Article be postponed as the above

6th Art.[4] Postponed as the Preceding

7th Art. Voted that Mr Nathan Perry, Samuel Goddard & Samuel Whitney be a Committee to make proper provision for the families of Noncommisioned officers and private Soldiers Serving for this Town in the Continental army agreeable to the Resolves of Court

Voted and Granted the Sum of two hundred pounds for the above Purpose

8th Art.[5] Postponed

9th Art. Voted that the Selectmen be impowered to hire and pay a Person to Ring the Bell the Current year

10th Art.[6] Voted that this article be dismissed

Then voted to adjourn this Meeting to the third monday of June Next at four o'Clock in the afternoon to Meet at this Place and adjourned accordingly Attest William Stearns Town Cler

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[1] To grant a Salary to the Rev. Mr. Maccarty.

[2] "To Consider and act on the Petition of Joseph Ball and others Relative to a Resolve of the General Court allowing thirty pounds pr. Man raised for the late nine months Service."

[3] To allow the accounts of those who have done Service for the Town.

[4] "To Regulate Jury Boxes as by law is Required."

[5] To abate taxes.

[6] "To appropriate, if thought Best, The two hinder Body Seats on the Front of Messrs Bridge Gray, and Flagg's Pews in the Meeting house, as well as the like Seats on the opposite Side, to be converted and Improved as Pews for the accomodation of those who may desire to purchase them agreeable to the Request of Mr Isaac Willard and others."

At a Town Meeting held at the public Meeting house in Worcester on Monday y^e [ ][1] Day of June A. D. 1779 according to the above adjournment

On Consideration of the 3^d article in the Warrant, voted, that the Same be further Postponed

Art. 4th Voted that this article be passed over for the Present

Art. 5th On this Art. Voted to allow the following Sums Viz:

Voted and Granted to Capt William Dana the Sum of for Repairing the Fence Round the Burying Yard	£210	19	0
Voted and Granted to Martha Wiley the Sum of for Boarding Margaret Miles one of the poor of the Town of Worcester twenty Six Weeks from the 27th of august. 1778 at £3 10 0 Pr week	£91	00	0
Voted that the Select men be allowed the Sum of which they have paid to Catharine Segar of Charlton for Nursing a Mullatto child one of the Poor of this Town	£15	00	0

Art. 6th On the 6th Art in the Warrant the Selectmen brought in and laid Before the Town a List of those persons whom they Judged able, qualified and liable By Law to Serve on *Petit Juries* Out of which Number the Town Selected one Quarter Part to Serve as Jurors at the Superior Court, Court of assize and General Goal Delivery viz—

James Barber	Benjamin Flagg	Jonathan Phillips
Joseph Barber	Nathanl Heywood	Saml Miller
David Bigelow	William Gates	James Moore
Saml Brooks	Ezekiel Howe	Nathan Perry
Nathaniel Brooks	Noah Jones	Benjamin Stowel
Samuel Curtis	Ebenr Lovel	Robert Smith
John Cunningham	Nathanl Moore	Thomas Wheeler
William Dana	Asa Moore	Joshua Whitney
		Samuel Woodburn

The Remaining Part of Said List to Serve as Jurors at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to be held from time to time in the County of Worcester Viz

[1] Figures trimmed off.

Samuel Brown	Josiah Flagg	Solomon Johnson
Daniel Baird	Jonath Flagg	Peter Johnson
Joseph Ball	Elisha Gurney	Daniel Johnson
Solomon Bixbee	Jonathan Gates	Samuel Jennison
John Barnard	Samuel Goddard	William Johnson
Benjamin Chapin	Reuben Gray	Phineas Jones
David Chaddick	Robert Gray	Thomas Knight
John Chamberlain	Jonathan Gleason	Josiah Knight
Samuel Clark	Nathanl Harrington	Edward Knight
Edward Craft	Daniel Heywood	Jonathan Lovel
Ezra Carey	Jacob Holmes	William McFarland
Thaddeus Bigelow	Joseph Hastings	John Moore
Elijah Dix	Daniel Harris	Ephraim Miller
John Fisk	Noah Harris	Moses Miller
Rufus Flagg	Josiah Harrington Junr	Thomas Nichols
Jonathan Fisk	Levi Houghton	John Nazro
John Noyes	Jabez Totman	Ebenr Willington Junr
Richard Prat	John Totman	Benja Whitney Junr
Lemuel Rice	David Thomas	Samuel Whitney
Stephen Salisbury	Isaac Willard	William Walker
Samuel Salisbury	Phinehas Ward	asa Ward
William Taylor	Samuel Wiswal	Ephraim Moore
James Trowbridge	Amos Wheeler	John Gleason
William Trowbridge	Ebenr Willington	

and Voted that the Names of the above Named persons be put in Seperate Boxes according to Law

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting and all Matters in the Warrant not acted on to the third monday of September Next, at one o'Clock in the afternoon to Meet at this Place and adjourned accordingly Attest William Stearns Town Cler

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At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to vote in town affairs duly warned and held at the Public meeting house in Worcester June 23^{d}. A. D. 1779 at two o'Clock in the afternoon to act on the articles in the Warrant

On the first art. Mr David Bigelow Chosen for the Moderator

2ndly voted to Choose a Committee to hire money for to pay the Soldiers their hire—Chose Capt Jennison, John Nazro, Nathl Moore, Capt Brooks & Samuel Goddard

3d Voted that the above Committee be impowered to hire the money that Shall be needed & that the Town will See them paid

David Bigelow Moderator

A true Copy from the Original minutes

Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

At a Town Meeting duly Warned & held at the Public Meeting house in Worcester July 12th A. D. 1779 The Town proceeded to act on the articles in the warrant for Said Meeting as follows Viz :

On the first article Voted & Chose Mr David Bigelow Moderator

On the 2nd Art. Voted to comply with the Request of the Committee of the Town of Boston—and also to Send two Delegates to Concord Voted & Chose Mr David Bigelow & Mr Joseph Barber Delegates to meet with the Convention of Delegates from the Several Committees &c to be holden at Concord for the purposes in Said Letter Propounded

On the third article, the Committee lately Chosen to hire money to pay the Soldiers their hire to go into the Public Service & the Militia officers Reported that they had advanced Six thousand Seven hundred & fifty Pounds to pay the Soldiers hired by this Town to fill up the Continental army

Voted to accept of the Report of the Committee aforesaid

Voted five thousand & two hundred pounds be levied and assessed on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester to Repay the monies expended in hiring Soldiers to go into the Public Service, and that the monies Said Committee have Expended in this Behalf be Repaid them

Voted to Dissolve this Meeting & it is Dissolved accordingly

The foregoing votes were passed at this meeting

Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs on monday the 2nd. of august A. D. 1779 2 o'Clock P. M. at the Public meeting house in Said Town

Mr David Bigelow was Chosen moderator

On the 2nd Art.[1] in the (above) Warrant The Town took into their Consideration the Doings & Resolves of the Convention lately held at Concord and

On motion voted that this town do accept & highly approve of the doings & Resolves of the Convention held at Concord on the fourteenth of July Last

On motion Resolved that a Committee be Chosen to Join with the Committee of Correspondence &c of this Town in Carrying the Spirit & Intent of the Proceedings and Resolutions of Said Convention into Execution here.

Voted that this Committee consist of Ten Persons—And accordingly Major William Dawes, Capt Israel Jennison, Joseph allen Esq Mr Samuel Bridge, Leiut Josiah Peirce, Capt Joshua Whitney, Leiut Samuel Brown, Mr Nathan Baldwin & Mr James Moore and Leiut Phineas Jones are appointed a Committee for the aforesaid Purpose

Voted that Messrs William Stearns Nathan Baldwin & Joseph allen be a Committee to Consider & Report Such Resolves as they Shall think proper to be Passed & Entered into by this Town Relative to the appreciation of our Currency, & Lay the Same before the Town at the adjournment of this meeting

On the third art. Voted & Chose Mr David Bigelow & Mr Joseph Barber Delegates to attend a County Convention to be held in this Town on the 3d of august Currant to take into Consideration & to act on the Proceedings of the Convention at Concord

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[1] "2ndly For the Town to take into their Consideration the Report & Resolves of the Late Convention of Committees held at Concord on the 14th Instant" &c.

On the 4th. Art. Voted that the Singers set in the front Seats in the Front Gallery, and those Gentlemen who have heretofore Set in the front seat in said Gallery have a right to set in the front body Seat & Second Seat below & that Said Singers have said Seats in the front Gallery appropriated to their own use.

Voted. That Said Singers be requested to take Said Seats & Carry on Singing in public worship.

Voted, That the mode of Singing in the congregation here, be without reading the Psalm Line by Line to be Sung.

Voted That the town Clerk Serve the Singers with a Copy of the foregoing votes on this article as soon as may be.

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Thursday the 5th Instant at 6 o'Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place

Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

Thursday August 5th 1779 Met according to the above adjournment

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At a meeting of as well the Freemen Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester above the age of twenty one years, as of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs at the Public meeting House in Said Town on Monday the 16th Day of august A. D. 1779—To act on the articles Contained in the Warrant

1 On the first article The Town Chose Mr David Bigelow moderator

2 On the Second art.[1] Voted to pass over the Said Artle for the Present

3 On the 3d artle. Voted to send one Delegate to Concord to meet in Convention on the first Wednesday of October next

Voted & Chose Mr David Bigelow a Delegate to attend Said Convention

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[1] To elect delegates to a convention to be held in Cambridge on Sept. 1 to frame a new Constitution for the State.

4 On the 4th art. voted that the Select men deposit the Town Stock of ammunition in the most Safe Place as they Shall think Proper at the Risk of the Town

5th On the fifth artle. Voted & granted the Sum of Eight hundred & ninety two pounds Sixteen Shillings to pay for the Shirts Stockings & Shoes to be Procured for the Soldiery &c. to be levied & assessed on the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town &c

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the 18th Instant at four o'Clock in the afternoon to meet at this Place and adjourned accordingly

The foregoing votes were Passed at this meeting

Attest William Stearns Town Cler

Wednesday August 18th. A. D. 1779

The Town met according to the above adjournment Mr David Bigelow being moderator and on the Second artle in the Warrant Voted to elect & Depute three Delegates to meet at Cambridge in a State Convention &c for the Sole Purpose of forming a New Constitution &c

Voted & Chose Levi Lincoln Esqr, Joseph allen Esqr, and Mr David Bigelow } Delegates for Said Purpose

The[n] Voted that this meeting be dissolved & it is dissolved accordingly

The foregoing votes were Passed at this meeting

Attest William Stearns Town Cler

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs duly Warn'd & held at the Public meeting House in Said Town on monday the 30th Day of august Anno Domini 1779—To act on the articles Contained in the Warrant

1 Chose mr David Bigelow moderator of said meeting

2nd On the Second article in the Warrant, The doings of the County Convention & their Resolutions being distinctly read the Town unanimously accepted and approved of the Same

3d Voted that [a] Committee of five be Chosen to Regulate the Prices of the More minute articles of Labour &c & other articles not Regulated by the late County Convention & that they make Report of their Doings at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted & Chose Dr John Green, Mr asa moore, Mr Samuel Salisbury Mr Thomas Wheeler, & Mr Daniel Bigelow for Said Committee

Voted to adjourn this meeting [to] Monday next 3 o'Clock P. M. (September 6th) then to meet at this Place & it is adjourned accordingly Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

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Monday September Sixth, Anno Domini 1779

The Town Met according to the above adjournment & Mr David Bigelow moderator of this meeting being absent, The Town Proceeded to Choose Mr Joseph allen Moderator

The aforesaid Committee bro't in a Report of Prices of Labour, Produce &c & articles in the List Enumerated—and on Motion Voted that an addition of three Persons Should be made to Said Committee & that Said Report Should be Recommitted, for further Consideration & to make Such alterations therein as may be tho't proper, & then Said Report be delivered to Mr David Bigelow, the Delegate from this Town to attend the State Convention to be held at Concord on the first Wednesday of October next, for him to make Such use of the Same there as he Shall think Proper

Voted that Mr Joseph allen, Col Flagg & Capt William Gates be added to Said Committee

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the 20th day of October next at two o'Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place—and adjourned accordingly

Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

Wednesday October twentieth A. D. 1779

The Town met according to the above adjournment—& Voted that this meeting be further adjourned to Monday the 25th Instant at 4 o'Clock in the afternoon, then to meet at this Place, And adjourned accordingly Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

Monday October 25th Anno Domini 1779

Met according to the above adjournment—And voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the first Day of November Next then to meet at this Place—and adjourned accordingly

Attest William Stearns Town Cler

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At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs duly warned & held at the Public meeting house in Said Town on Septr 13th 1779 to act on the several articles of the foregoing Warrant.

On the 1st article chose Levi Lincoln Esq Moderator of said meeting

On the Second article, Voted to raise this town's quota of Soldiers for the Rhod-Island department

Voted that Said Quota be hired by the town & that the money for this purpose be raised by a tax

Voted that a Committee be chosen to procure the money to hire the men for the Service in that department

Voted that Lieut Benja Stowel Lieut. Saml Brown, Willm McFarland, Mr Ebenr Willington & Mr Nathan Perry be a Committee to procure the money for the said purpose upon the credit of the town

Voted that Said Committee in conjunction with the militia officers of the town hire the said quota at a reasonable rate & pay them, and that the said committee make a report of their doings unto the town at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted That this town will repay said Committee the money so procured & paid in this behalf

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Tuesday the twenty first Instant at 3 o'Clock in the afternoon, then to meet at this place

Attest Will[m] Stearns Town Clerk

Tuesday Sept[r] 21st 1779

Met according to the above adjournment M[r] David Bigelow was chosen Moderator

The Committee chosen under the 2[d] article in the Warrant reported that they had hired eight Soldiers for the Rhod-Island department & had paid them the sum of £610.

Voted & granted the Sum of Six hundred & ten pounds to repay the Committee above mentioned the money they have expended in hiring & paying eight Soldiers to go to Providence.

Voted that the Interest of the above Sum be paid to Said Committee from the time of procuring the money to the time of paying the principal Sum

Voted & granted the Sum of eighteen pounds for the last mentioned purpose

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the third wednesday in October at 3 o'Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place

The foregoing votes were passed at this Meeting

Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

N. B. The Town met upon the above adjournment, but nothing further was done upon the Warrant, Whereupon the Meeting was dissolved Attest William Stearns Town Cler

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At a meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Worcester qualified to vote in town affairs duely warned & held at the public meeting house in Worcester Octo[r]. 18th. A. D. 1779 to act on the articles contained in the Warrant

On the first article chose M[r] Will[m] Stearns was chosen Moderator of said meeting

On the Second article[1] voted to choose a Committee to hire the money necessary for the raising this towns quota of Soldiers for this Service on the faith & Credit of the town

Voted that this Committee consist of Seven persons

Voted & chose Col[l]. Benj[a] Flagg M[r]. Joseph Allen, M[r]. Jon[a] Gleason Cap[n] Edward Crafts M[r] Elijah Harrington, M[r] John Cunningham M[r] Jon[a] Gates for said Committee

Voted that this Committee jointly with the Militia Officers of the town, procure the men necessary for this Service & that the Committee Supply the money for paying them & that they report at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted to adjourn this meeting to wednesday the twentieth Instant at 2 o'Clock in the afternoon to meet at this place, & adjourned accordingly attest Will[m] Stearns Town Clerk

Wednesday October 20th 1779

Met according to the above adjournment

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 25th Instant at 4 o'Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place & adjourned accordingly attest William Stearns Town Clerk

Monday Octob[r] 25th 1779

Met according to the above adjournment

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Novem[r]. 1st 4 o'Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place & adjourned accordingly attest Will[m] Stearns Town Clerk

Monday Nov[r] 1st 1779

Met according to the above adjournment. When the Committee above chosen to procure men &c brought in the following report, viz.

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[1] "2nd To adopt the most proper measures for procuring & raising the towns proportion of Soldiers of the two thousand men to be raised in this State, to march to Claverick on Hudson's river for the assistance of General Washington as soon as may be, agreeable to the requisition of the General Court."

Worcester Novr 1st 1779

The Committee appointed by the town to procure & pay thirteen men being their proportion of a reinforcement for General Washington's army agreeable to a resolve of the General Court & vote of the town on Monday the 20th day of Octr last, beg leave to report as follows, viz.

That they have procured & partly paid, & engaged in behalf of the town to Compleat their payments with Interest on the notes given till paid, to 13 men as the towns hire at £150 pr. Man	£1950
That they have in the same Method paid said 13 Men their States bounty £30 each	390
That they have in the same method paid said 13 men their Mileage from hence to Clavernick the place of destination 135 Miles at 2/ pr mile	175 10
Total, Hire. Bounty & Mileage	£2515 10

Their said Committee have the proper Vouchers for the above proceedings that 12 of the 13 Men marched this day, one having permission from Col^{l} Denny to march some future day

John Cunningham p^{r}. order

N. B. The whole sum is to be understood to be upon Interest, as what was paid was hired on those terms

Voted that the foregoing report be accepted & allowed—Voted that the sum of two thousand five hundred & fifteen pounds ten shillings be & is hereby granted to said Committee to repay them what they have advanced for the Hire, bounties & Mileage of the soldiers in said report mentioned & that the same be assessed by a tax &c—Voted that the said sum be assessed with the County tax. Voted that Said Committee receive Interest for said sum till paid—& that such Interest be paid out of the money to be lodged in the town treasury by Saml Curtis Esq when he shall receive the same from the Treasurer & Receiver General of this State.

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved & it is dissolved accordingly

The foregoing votes were passed at this Meeting

Attest William Stearns Mod^{r} & Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Worcester qualified to vote in town affairs duly warned & held at the public meeting house in Worcester October 20th 1779 to act on the articles contained in the Warrant

On the first article chose Mr Allen Moderator

The second article[1] was postponed

On the 3d article viz For the town to vote & agree that all the public moneys granted by this town the currant year at & after the last annual March Meeting to this time & that shall be granted this meeting be levied & assessed in one tax, except what respects the support of the war & what is already assessed. It passed in the affirmative

On the fourth article Voted & granted the sum of twelve hundred Pounds to the Rev Mr Maccarty for his Salary for the year 1779.

The 5th article[1] was dismissed

Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the 25th Instant at one o'Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place & it was adjourned accordingly Attest Willm Stearns Town Clerk

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Monday Octobr 25th A. D. 1779

Met according to adjournment & on the 6th article in the warrant Voted to allow the following accompts to the following persons Viz :

To Thomas Wheeler for taking care of a Sick Negro man & burying him when dead	£24	2
To William Trowbridge for one hundred & ninety feet of 3 Inch plank	11	10
To William Young Esq for one hundred Foot of white oak 3 Inch plank	6	0
To Joseph Barber for his Expences at the County Convention	6	0

[1] To grant money for common charges.

[2] "To hear & Consider of the petitions of Mr Joseph Ball & Mr Daniel Baird Relative to the Raising of Soldiers for the nine months Continental Service"

To John Elder for one hundred & five feet of 3 Inch plank	6	4	
To John Welsh for Doctring [?] & attendance on the fore mentioned Negro 5 days	6	0	
To Mr William Taylor for the abatement of part of the Rates of Mr James Hart	5	0	
To Same for Mr Isaac Moores Rates abated		17	8
——— for Joel Smiths Rates abated		11	0
——— for the abatement of Isaac Moores Rates for 1776	1	14	0
——— — — — for 1777	2	11	2
——— for the Abatement of Nathl Maccartys Rates for 1778	8	9	2
——— for the Abatement of Joseph Morses Rates	1	0	3

Voted that a Committee be chosen to examine the accounts of Cap^{n} Joshua Whitney & others now lying on the Table & that such Committee make report at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted that Col^{l} Benjamin Flagg Cap^{n} Israel Jennison & Mr Nathl Brooks be a Committee for the aforesaid purpose

Then the Moderator presented & read a Letter from the Revd Mr Maccarty requesting that the town would make good to him eighty pounds according to the current price of articles before the war.

Then on a motion made & seconded the Question was put whether the town will now resume the consideration of the article in the Warrant relative to M^{r}. Maccarty's Salary & proceed at this time to make any further grant It pass'd in the Negative

Then Voted that the further consideration of this Letter be posponed to the adjournment of this meeting, & that the Town Clerk put up a notification thereof & of the time this meeting is adjourned to that there may be a general attendance

Voted that this meeting be adjourned [to] Monday the 1st day of Novr. next at one o'Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place & adjourned accordingly attest Willm Stearns Town Clerk

Monday Novr 1st 1779

Met according to theforegoing adjournment from the 25th day of Octob^{r} last to this time. The Town then resumed the consideration

of the article relative to Rev^{d} M^{r}. Maccartys Sallary & of his letter of the 25th Ult. & on Motion made & seconded the Question was put, whether the town would make any further grant to M^{r}. Maccarty at this time & it passed in the Negative.

The Committee chosen under the 6th article report that the Selectmen have advanced money in favour of the town the Interest of which is fifteen pounds Sixteen Shillings, which Interest only is due to them.

Voted that the sum of fifteen pounds sixteen shillings be allowed the Selectmen for said Interest.

As to the accompt of Cap^{n} Joshua Whitney & Mr Jon^{a} Rice Under the 8th article[1] the committee submitted it to the town to allow or disallow the same as they shall think proper.

Voted that the sum of twenty four pounds ten shillings be granted to said Whitney & Rice in full for their expences in going after said Gleason & Crosby.

Then the town Voted to take up the matter of the 2^{d} article in the warrant viz. To grant such sums of Money as should be tho't necessary to defray the Charges of the Town the Currant year &

Voted That whereas there is the sum of three hundred & ninety pounds in the hands of the Treasurer & Receiver General of this State belonging to the Town of Worcester that said sum be appropriated to the purpose in said article mentioned

Voted that the Selectmen give an order to Saml Curtis Esq to receive the said sum of three hundred & ninety pounds of the State Treasurer & that the Said Saml shall lodge said Money in the hands of the town treasurer to be drawn out as the town shall direct.

Voted that the Selectmen now have liberty to draw out now one hundred pounds for defraying town charges, they to be accountable unto the town for the Expenditure

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[1] "To Grant a proper Reward to Capt Joshua Whitney and Mr Jonathan Rice for Endeavors to take & Recover Thomas Gleason & Elisha Crosby Deserters from the army."

On the ninth article Voted that Cap^{n} Saml Brooks Mr Robert Smith & Mr Noah Harris be a Committee for directing & making the wall[1] mentioned in said article.

Then Voted that this meeting be dissolved, & it was dissolved accordingly

The foregoing Votes were passed at this Meeting
attest William Stearns Town Cler

Entered from & Compared with the original minutes
Wm Stearns Town Cler

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in town affairs duly warned & held at the public meeting house in said town Novr. 15th 1779 to act on the articles contained in the Warrant

On the first article chose M^{r}. Willm Stearns Moderator

On the 2^{d} article, The proceedings of the Convention[2] therein mentioned read & the consideration thereof posponed.

On the article in the Warrant viz To See if the Town will send a memorial to general Court to obtain a more equal Taxation of the town of Worcester than was levied on said town by the last tax bill & do thereon what may be tho't most proper. Voted & resolved that the Selectmen be impowered & they are hereby impowered & directed to present a memorial & remonstrance in the name & behalf of this town to the general assembly of this State in their present session to obtain relief from the excess of the last tax & a more equal taxation for the town of Worcester in future

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 29th Instant & adjourned accordingly attest Willm Stearns Town Clerk

Entered from & compared with the original minutes
Wm Stearns Town Cler

N. B. Nothing more was ever done at this meeting
Wm Stearns T. C.

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[1] On the road through Mr. Heath's land.

[2] Held at Concord for the purpose of regulating prices.

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Worcester qualified to vote in town affairs duly warned & held at the public meeting house in S^d^ Town on the 31st day of Jany 1780 to act on the several articles contained in the warrant for said Meeting

On the first article chose M^r^. William Stearns Moderator of S^d^ meeting

Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the 14th day of February next then to meet at this place & adjourned accordingly attest Willm Stearns Town Clerk

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Monday Feby 14th 1780

Met according to the above adjournment. When the town voted under the 2^d^ article of the Warrant, that the sum of thirteen hundred & sixty pounds should be granted to the Revd Mr Maccarty in addition to the twelve hundred pounds granted him at a town meeting held in this place on the twentieth day of October last, for his Salary for one year from the twenty first of June last, making in the whole twenty five hundred & Sixty pounds

Voted not to act on the 3^d[1]^ & 4th[2]^ articles in the Warrant & that the same be dismissed

Then voted that this meeting be dissolved & it was dissolved accordingly

The foregoing votes were passed at this Meeting
attest William Stearns Mod^r^ & Town Cler

Enter'd from the Original & Compared therewith
p^r^ William Stearns Town Cler

At a Publick Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester, on monday ye Sixth day of march A. D 1780 to act on the several articles Contained in the foregoing Warrant

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[1] To assess a continental tax.

[2] To make provision for soldiers' families.

at Said meeting Sam^{el} Curtis Esqr Chosen moderator

David Bigelow Dr John Green Jonathan Rice Joseph Barber Edward Crafts Select Men and overseers of the poor

Nathl Heywood Town Cler

Capt Wm Gates Town Treasurer

James Moore Nathl Heywood Eph^{m} Miller assessors

Nathan Perry Dea Jacob Chamberlain Wardens

Mr James McFarland Collector which Service he Engages to do for the Sum of two Hundred and Forty Five pound Reward

Eph^{m} Mower Daniel Goulding Constables

Joseph Allen Daniel Harris David Chadwick Thos Knight Willm Trowbridge Committee of Correspondence

Nathan Heard Sealer of Leather

Sam^{el} Bridge Eph^{m} Curtis Clerks of the market

Solomon Bixbee Saml Fullerton Surveyors of Bords and Shingles

Saml Clark Joseph Ball John Barnard John Glezen Josiah Knight James McFarland John Moore Nathan Patch Benj^{a} Stowell Thos Nicols James Barber Daniel Harris Surveyors of high ways and Collectors of high way Taxes

Daniel Johnson Sam^{el} Mower Junr Fence Viewers

Josiah Harrington Joseph Ball Tithing men

Sam^{el} Bridge Dr Benj^{a} Green Dear Reaves

Eli Chapin Joshua Whitney Field drivers

Sam^{el} Whitney Levi Flagg Thaddeus Chapin John Welsh John Hamilton Sam^{el} Warden Elijah Haws William Buckston Richard Pratt William Taylor Thaddeus moore Hog Reaves

Voted to Choose a Committee to Examine the Several Squadrons of Schooling in this Town, and to Regulate the Squadrons and apportion the money that shall be Granted to Support Schools in S^{d} Town and make Report at the adjournment of this meeting

Timothy Paine Esqr Benj^{a} Stowell Col^{o} Benj^{a} Flagg Capt Ebenez^{r} Lovel Capt John Curtis Asa moore John Chamberlain James McFarland Sam^{el} Curtis Esqr Levi Houghton Lieu^{t} Josiah Pierce Chosen for the Said Committee

The Sum of two thousand pounds Granted for the Support of Schools the Currant year

Voted to Choose a Committee to Consist of three to settle accompts with the Town Treasurer, accordingly the following Gent^{m} were Chosen

Col^{o} Benj^{a} Flagg William Stearns Joseph Allen Committee to Settle acc^{t} with ye Town Treasurer

Voted to Discharge the Committee of Last year's and this Committee Settle all acc^{t}. with Dr John Green the Late Town Treasurer and make Report at the annual may meeting

Voted that Ninety pounds be Granted to the Select-men for the year 1779 out of the Sum in Said article mentioned to repay them so much by them advanced in behalf of the Town, to pay soldiery their bounty who were sent to Rhode Island in June Last and that the Remainder of the Sum in Said article mentioned lye in the Town Treasuer till the further order of the Town

Voted the Swine may go at Large in this Town the Current year they being properly Yoaked and Ringed

the 5th[1] 9th[2] & 10th[3] articles not passed upon and Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the 20th. Inst at one O'Clock in the afternoon—adjourned accordingly

The foregoing Votes were passed at this meeting

Attest Wm Stearns Town Cler

a true Coppy from ye minutes Attest Nathl Heywood Town Cler

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monday 20th march 1780

At a Town meeting duly Warned and met according to the above adjournment the Town proceded to act on the Remaining articles in the Warrant

m^{r}. Sam^{el} Curtis being absent the Town proceeded and C[h]ose mr. Wm Stearns moderator

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[1] To grant a highway tax. [2] To allow accounts against the town.
[3] To provide for soldiers' families.

the Committee appointed to apportion the School money in this Town brough[t] in the following Report agreeable to their order which Report was accepted by the vote of the Town

to the middle of the Town	£523	15	4
Capt. Smiths District	116	16	9
Lieu^{t}. Benj^{a} Stowells Do.	199	1	7
Col^{o} Flagg	174	18	9
Sam^{el} Curtis Esqr.	100	1	2
Lieu^{t} Pierces	165	4	7
Capt Lovels	183	6	3
Capt Curtis s	205	2	5
Tatnick	165	16	7
m^{r} Asa moore	165	16	7
	£2000	0	0

Voted to Settle where the Grammar School Shall be kept

Voted to begin at the highest Squadron, and procede to the lowest, each Squadron to have the Said School, in proportion to their School money

Voted to Raise one thousand pounds in addition to what is already Granted for the Supporting of Schools, to be divided in the Same proportion the other School money is Divided

Voted to Choose [a] Committee to provide School masters to Consist of Ten accordingly the Town made Choise of the following Gen^{n} for the S^{d} Committee

Wm Stearns	Josiah Peirce	School Com^{tee}
asa Ward	Ezra Cara	
Benj^{a} Stowell	Dr John Green	
Thomas Wheeler	Wm Young Esqr	
John Elder	James m^{c}Farland	

Voted to Set the price of Labour at the Highway

Voted that Nine pounds be the price of one days Labour at the highways pr man oxen, Carts and plows in the usual proportion

Voted that the Sum of Ten Thousand pounds be granted to be

levied and assessed upon the polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town : for the purpose of Repairing of highways

Voted that those persons who have not worked out their last years highway Rates, have Liberty to work them out provided they work them out before the first day of June next ; those persons that have Credit in the last years highway Tax to be allowed equal to what is allowed the Current year

Voted that the Select-men be Directed to give Seperate orders to the Committee appointed to Hire Soldiers for the Claverick Expedition

Granted to Dr Wm Walker for Doctering Tamerson Kimbolton £50 0

Do Do Margaret Miles 97 0

£147

Voted that the above sums be levied and Assessed upon the polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of this town

Voted to mr John moore for a pair Stockings £4 0

Voted to Choose a Committee to Consist of three to provide for Soldiers Families

Capt Joshua Whitney, James Barber, John Glezen } Comtee to provide for the families of non Com officers and Soldiers

the Sum of two Hundred pound Granted for the use of the said Committee which money is alread[y] assessed

Voted to adjourn this meeting for one half hour at the Expiration of which the town Reasumed the business of the meeting

Voted to Choose two assessors in addition to the other three already Chosen accordingly messrs Nathll Harrington & Thomas Wheeler were Chosen by a majority of Votes

Voted that this meeting be Dissolved and this meeting is Dissolved accordingly Attest Nathll Heywood Town Cler

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at a Publick Town meeting held at ye meeting House in Worcester on the 20th day of march A D 1780 to act on the Several articles Contained in Foregoing Warrant

m^r^. William Stearns Chosen moderator

Voted that the assessors go upon the Business of taking a Valuation Imedeatly and Send to the General Court; agreeable to the act of the General Court in 1778

Voted that Capt. Goulden and others have Liberty to Build a School House upon the Common a leatle West of the Pound

Voted that this meeting be Dissolved and this meeting is accordingly Dissolved

the Foregoing Votes were passed at this meeting

Attess Nath^ll^ Heywood Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to act on the foregoing articles respectively, legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the first day of May in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty.

M^r^. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator.

2^d^. Article[1] was adjourned to the last monday of the present month

Voted that Messrs. Jonathan Rice, Saml Jennison & Richard Pratt be a Committee to hire money in order to procure Soldiers for the Guards at Rutland, & that the further Consideration of this article be postponed to the last monday of the present month.

This Meeting was then adjourned to that time

Att^s^ Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs and for the choice of Representatives respectively, legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twenty second day of May, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty

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[1] To see if the inhabitants approve of the new state constitution.

Samuel Curtis Esqr. was chosen to represent the Town, agreeable to the first article in the Warrant.

M^{r}. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator.

Joseph Allen was chosen Town Clerk, & sworn in the Meeting

Voted that the consideration of the third article[1] be referred to the adjournment

Voted that the consideration of the article relative to the Salary of the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Maccarty, be referred to the first Monday of September next at 3 o'Clock P. M.

Upon a motion made by James McFarland that he might withdraw his request as inserted in the Warrant (being article 7th)[2] the same was dismissed

Voted that the 8th. Article be postponed to the Adjournment, & that the Select men, in the mean time, enquire upon what terms any suitable person will ring the bell

Voted that M^{r}. Duncan take care of the burying Ground & toll the bell at funerals

Voted to allow William Taylor fifty dollars, he having received in behalf of the Town, a bill of that Denomination which is Counterfeit.

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday next, being the 29th day of the Month, at one o'Clock P. M. & it was adjourned accordingly

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At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, held at the publick Meeting house in Worcester, on Monday the twenty ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty, by adjournment from the twenty second day of the same Month

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[1] "To choose other delegates instead of the present Members to meet in Convention on the first Wednesday of June next if they see fit."

[2] "7th To see if the Town will excuse Mr. James McFarland from being Collector of taxes the current year, by reason of his *indisposition of health*, & proceed to the choice of one in his room."

Voted not to send any new members to the Convention for framing a new Constitution or form of Government.

Voted to allow Reuben Eaton's accot. for keeping the Widow Sarah Eaton, amounting to	72	8	6
also the accot. of Scip. Chandler for ringing the meeting house bell	31	4	
Voted to allow Joseph Torrey in full discharge of his accot.	100		

Voted that the Select men procure & agree with some person to ring the bell.

Voted to abate the Poll-tax of the Son of Paul Kingston in M^r^. W^m^. Taylors list being £15 0 0

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first Monday in Sepr. next at 3 o'Clock P. M. & adjourned accordingly

a true Entry att. Jos. Allen Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town Affairs, legally warned and assembled, at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twenty ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty.

M^r^. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator.

Voted that the Sum of £1360. granted to the Rev^d^ M^r^. Maccarty in February last, be assessed upon the polls & estates in this Town, & that the same be collected

Voted that the sum of Two hundred & ninety pounds, part of the sum paid into the hands of the Treasurer by Samuel Curtis Esqr. be paid to the Committee chosen to procure men to do duty at Rutland by an order of the Select Men to said Committee, which Committee is to be accountable for the expenditure of the same

The Committee chosen in March last, to reckon with the late Town Treasurer, made report of their doings in the words following. viz

"Worcester, May 22^{d}. 1780. We the Subscribers, a Committee "appointed by the Town of Worcester, to settle with the late Town "Treasurer (Dr. John Green) have attended said service, & find "that the several assessments made on the Inhabitants of said "Town, payable to said late Treasurer, amount to the sum of fif- "teen thousand two hundred & sixty nine pounds 11/4. That "said Treasurer hath discharged himself of part of said sum, viz. "the sum of eight thousand four hundred & nine pounds fourteen "shillings & five pence half penny. That said late Treasurer hath "in his hands, Cash to the amount of sixty two pounds eight shill- "ings & four pence, & that the remaining sum to balance this ac- "count, viz. Six thousand Seven hundred & ninety seven pounds "eight shillings & six pence half penny, is still in the hands of "William Taylor, to be accounted for by the present Treasurer"

"Benj^{a}. Flagg. W^{m}. Stearns. Jos. Allen Committee"

"To which I agree John Green late Town Treasurer"

Which Report having been read, was accepted by the Town, & thereupon ordered that the same be recorded

Voted that Dr. John Green, the late Treasurer, deliver the papers in his hands to the present Treasurer.

Voted that the Sum of fifteen hundred pounds be assessed upon the Polls & Estates in this Town, viz. the Sum of Seven hundred & fifty pounds for the hire of Soldiers, & the remainder to defrey the common and ordinary charges of the Town—to be assessed in the first Assessment that shall be made, & to be made with the County tax.

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved, & it was dissolved accordingly

A true entry Att^{s}. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, of the Age of twenty one years & upwards, duly assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the 29th day of May, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty by adjournment from the first day of the same Month.

The Bill of rights & frame of Government having been read Paragraph by paragraph, Voted to accept thereof, except the 3^{d} & 20th articles in the bill of rights. the 4th article of the first Section in Chap. I. the first article of the 3^{d} Section in the same chap. the 9th article of the same. The 7th article of the first section & 2^{d} Chap. & the 3^{d} & 7 articles of Chap. 6. which the Town disapprove of in their present form.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Tuesday the twentieth day of June, in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty

M^{r}. Nathan Perry was chosen Moderator.

The Town Voted to adjourn this Meeting to fryday the 23^{d}. Ins^{t}. 3 o'Clock P. M.

Fryday the 23^{d} day of June

The Town met according to Adjournment, & further adjourned to Tuesday the 27th Instant 4 o'Clock P. M.

Tuesday June 27th. Met according to Adjournment.

Voted to allow 2 ^{d}. per pound to M^{r}. James McFarland, Collector of publick taxes, on all monies he may receive for taxes that may hereafter be assessed the current year.

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved; & it was dissolved accordingly

A true entry. Att^{s}. Jos. Allen Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, duly warned & assembled at the publick meeting house in said Town, on Wednesday the fourteenth day of June, in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty

Mr. Nathan Perry was chosen Moderator.

Voted that Deacon Samuel Miller, Daniel Beard, James Barber, John Chamberlain, Nathaniel Robbins, Asa Ward & Benjamin Greene be a Committee to assist the Militia officers in procuring twenty two Continental Soldiers for this Town

Voted that the said Committee hire the said Soldiers in the best way & manner they can at the cost & charge of the Town, which cost is to be levied on the Polls & Estates in said Town.

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Tuesday the 20th Inst. at 3 o'Clock P. M. & it was accordingly adjourned

Tuesday June 20th Met according to adjournment

Voted that the Militia officers be, & they hereby are requested to call their respective Companies together as soon as may be

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to Fryday the 23d Inst. at one o'Clock P. M. to which time it was accordingly adjourned

Fryday June 23d. 1780 Met according to adjournment

Voted that there shall be allowed to each Soldier that shall engage in behalf of this Town the Sum of Twenty seven pounds, to be paid in Produce as estimated in the year 1774, or the value thereof, provided they relinquish in favor of the Town, what they are entitled to receive for wages & milage, & produce a proper Certificate that they have not received the same nor any part thereof.

Voted that William Stearns, Joseph Allen & John Cunningham be a Committee to make Contracts with the Soldiers who may be procured in behalf of the Town for the purpose aforesaid.

Voted that this Town will indemnify the Committee aforesaid for the obligations they may enter into to prosecute the business assigned them

Voted that the Committee appointed to procure Men with the assistence of the Militia Officers, be & they hereby are impowered to receive of Capt. Israel Jennison the sum of sixteen hundred pounds in his hands, belonging to this Town, the said Committee to secure said Jennison for said Sum

Voted that this Town adhere to their vote of allowing £27. for the service aforesaid & no more

Voted that Cap^{ts}. Lovell & Whitney be a Committee to procure men without the limits of this State provided a Sufficient number do not appear to engage by fryday morning next

Voted that the last mentioned Committee be, & they hereby are, impowered to receive of the Committee appointed to receive £1600. of Capt. Jenison, that sum, they to be accountable for the same

Voted that the Soldiers who may engage in behalf of this Town, Shall be entitled to receive Grain, & that it be so expressed in the obligations, the former votes notwithstanding

Voted that this Town will indemnify the Commission Officers to this day for not having procured the men

Voted to adjourn to Thursday the 29th Ins^{t}. at 6 o'Clock P. M. & the meeting was adjourned accordingly

Thursday June 29th. The Town met according to adjournment

Upon motion made, the Committee chosen to procure men without the State were discharged from said service

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Saturday the first day of July next, & it was accordingly adjourned to that time

Saturday July 1st. Met according to adjournment

Voted that the first Committee chosen at this meeting be dismissed & that the second Committee, with the addition of Saml. Curtis Esqr. W^{m}. Young Esqr. Deacon Miller & Cornet moore, perform the Services assigned to each of them

Voted to reconsider the vote for giving £27 & no more

The meeting was then dissolved

A true Entry att^{s}. Jos. Allen, T. Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs, legally warned

& assembled, at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the tenth day of July, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty.

Mr. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator

Voted that Lieut. Grout, Messieurs Saml. Bridge, Wm Dawes, Robt. Gray, & Edward Crafts be a Committee with the militia officers, to procure this Town's quota of militia on the best terms they can

Voted that the Committee chosen at a former Meeting to procure Soldiers for 6 months agree with 5 persons upon the best terms they can, as an additional draft from this Town, for the same time of service

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the 12th Inst. at 1 o'Clock P. M. & it was accordingly adjourned to that time

Wednesday, 12th of July Met according to adjournment

Voted that Mr. Thomas Knight be of the Committee to procure the three months Soldiers in the room of Lieut. Grout excused at his own motion

Voted that this meeting be further adjourned to Thursday the 20th of July instant, 4 o'Clock P. M. & it was adjourned accordingly

Thursday 20th of July. met according to adjournment

Voted not to allow two pence on the pound to Jas. McFarland

The Meeting was then dissolved

A true entry. attst Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Wednesday the twelfth day of July, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty

Mr. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Thursday the 20th day of July instant, 5 o'Clock P. M. & it was accordingly adjourned to that time

Thursday July 20th Met according to adjournment

Voted that this Town will indemnify the Select men for what sums they may contract in purchasing this Towns quota of horses[1] and the Interest thereon.

The meeting was then Dissolved

A true entry. Attr Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town on Thursday the twentieth day of July, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty

Mr. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator.

Voted that the Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds be immediately assessed upon the polls & Estates in this Town, for the purpose of pay[ing] the Six & three months men their advance money

Voted that the Town Treasurer give Security to such persons as have advanced or shall advance sums of money for the purpose aforesaid

Voted that the Treasurer be, & he is hereby impowered & directed to pay & discharge all securities & obligations by him given as aforesaid, upon application made by the persons to whom the same was given, without any previous application to the Select men, out of the monies assessed & collected as aforesaid.

The foregoing votes, notwithstanding, shall not be considered to operate to prevent the militia Officers making drafts on their respective Companies, if it shall be found necessary for the raising or compleating their respective quotas of men

Then the Meeting was dissolved

A true Entry, Attestr. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

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[1] The town was required to furnish twelve horses for the army.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, assembled at the publick meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & eighty, by adjournment from the 29th. day of May last

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to the first monday in October next following

A true entry att^{s} Jos. Allen, T. Clerk

N. B. The Town failed of meeting on the said first of October

Att^{s} Jos. Allen Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified as the Constitution or frame of Government directs in the Choice of a Governour &c legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth day of September, in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty

The following persons were voted for as Governor of this Commonwealth, & had the number of votes expressed against their respective names

Hon. John Hancock Esqr. 56 Hon James Bowdoin Esqr. 20. Hon. Artemas Ward Esqr 1

The following persons were voted for as Lieutenant Governor & had the number of votes expressed against their respective names viz

Hon. James Warren Esqr	23
Hon. Artemas Ward Esqr	28
Hon. Thos Cushing Esqr	1
Jos. Ball	1

The following persons were voted for as Senators & Councellors and had the number of Votes expressed against their respective names viz

Hon. Moses Gill Esqr.	21	Hon. Artemas Ward Esqr	3
Hon. Saml. Baker Esqr	22	James Tanner	4
Hon. Jos. Dorr Esqr.	21	Jos. Allen	2
Col^{o}. Henry Bromfield	18	Jos. Henshaw Esqr	1
Saml. Curtis Esqr	13	Thos. Legate Esqr.	1
Col^{o} Seth Reed	9	Eph^{m}. Fairbank	1
Hon. Levi Lincoln Esqr	5	Seth Washburn Esqr	1
Col^{o}. Danl. Clap	8	Jos. Wheeler Esqr	1
John Sprague Esqr.	4	Eben^{r}. Crafts Esqr.	1
Genl. Eben^{r}. Learned	5		

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, legally warned & assembled at the publick meeting house in said Town, on monday the fourth day of September, in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty.

M^{r}. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator

Voted that M^{r}. William Stearns & Mr David Bigelow be a Committee in behalf of this Town, to make application to the Court of Genl. Sessions of the peace, next to be held in this County, for the removal of Reuben Hoyt, his wife & Child from this Town, agreeable to the article[1] in the Warrant.

Then this meeting was dissolved.

Att^{s}. Jos. Allen T. Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, legally warned & assembled at the publick meeting house in said Town, on Monday the fourth day of September, in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty.

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[1] "To see if the Town will take any measures for the removal of Reuben Hoyt & his wife & Child, they being in indigent Circumstances, & incapable of supporting themselves & who were lately brought to this Town by a warrent from the Town of Shrewsbury."

Mr. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator

Voted that Mr. John Cunningham, Mr. Nathan Perry & Capt. Ebenezer Lovell, be a Committee to prefer a petition to the Great & General Court, in behalf of this Town, that the Inhabitants thereof may still have leave to complete their quotas of said men respectively, the times in the several resolves mentioned being elapsed, notwithstanding

The Meeting was then dissolved

A true Entry Atts Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified as the Constitution or form of Government directs in the choice of Representatives, legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town on Monday the ninth day of October, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty

Samuel Curtis Esqr. was chosen to represent this Town at the ensuing General Court

Atts. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, legally warned & assembled at the publick meeting house in said Town, on Monday the ninth day of October, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty

Samuel Curtis Esqr. was chosen Moderator

Voted that Messieurs John Cunningham, Nathan Baldwin and Nathan Perry be a Committee to examine sundry accounts produced against the Town, & report at the adjournment

Voted that Mr. James Barber, expend the money[1] mentioned in the third article, as is therein expressed

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[1] Part of the highway tax . . . "for the Town to permit him [James Barber] to expend it in fencing the new road leading from the County road by Joel How's to Rufus Flagg's"

Voted Lieu^{t}. Josiah Peirce, Capt. Saml. Brooks & Capt John Curtis be a Committee to make enquiry into the trespass said to have been made on the Ministerial lands, & report at the adjournment

The Meeting was then adjourned to Monday the sixteenth day of October instant at one o'Clock P. M.

A true entry, attest, Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the ninth day of October, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & eighty

M^{r}. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator

Voted that Capt. Israel Jennison, Capt. Samuel Brooks, Deacon Samuel Miller, Deacon Jacob Chamberlain, & Capt. Ebenezer Lovell be a Committee to consider of what Sum may be necessary to grant the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Maccarty for his Salary the Current year, having regard to the times, & the Circumstances of his family— to report at the adjourn^{t}.

Voted that Messieurs Nathan Perry, Joseph Allen & William Dawes be a Committee to make an estimate of what Sums of Money will be sufficient to discharge the Contracts made with the six & three months Soldiers, & other contingent charges & report at the adjournment of this Meeting

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Monday the 16th day of October instant, at 2 o'Clock P. M. & it was accordingly adjourned

A true entry, Att^{s}. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, begun & held at the Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the Ninth day of October in the year of our

Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty, & continued by adjournment to the Sixteenth day of the same Month, at one o'Clock P. M. the following votes were passed, viz.

Voted to allow the following accounts viz

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To Levi Lincoln Esqr for his attendance at the State Convention to form a new Constitution of Government	28	0	0
To Joseph Allen for his attendance as aforesaid	28	0	0
To David Bigelow for his attendance as aforesaid, & for his attendance at the Conventions at Concord & Worcester	21	0	0
To Joseph Barber for his attendance at the Convention at Concord	3	12	
To James Moore, Nathl. Brooks & Ephraim Miller, Assessors of this Town for making rates	22	19	9
To William Stearns, Robt. Smith & Nathl. Brooks, late Assessors for making rates	17	8	0
To David Bigelow late an Assessor, for making rates	1	8	0
To Samuel Eaton for boarding his Mother Sarah Eaton, 39 weeks, ending the first day of September last	8	15	6
To John Fisk, for 5 loads of wood supplied the Widow McFadden	2	5	0
To Robt. Smith for 4¼ yds. check linen cloth for the Widow mcFadden	2	0	0
To Jonathan Rice for a bushel of corn supplied Elisha Dunhams family		6	
To Jacob Hemenway for 1025 feet of Bridge Plank, & 4 String pieces for Bridges	9	10	6
To Micah Johnson for 500 feet of plank for Bridges	4	10	0
To William Taylor for 4 50 dollr Counterfeit bills (old Emission) which he recd for publick taxes	1	10	0
New Money	£151	4	9

Voted that the Sum of One hundred & fifty one pounds, in bills of Credit of the last emission, or other Money equivalent, be assessed upon the Polls & estates belonging to this Town to discharge the foregoing accounts.

Voted that the acco^{t}. of Martha Wiley[1] lie to some future time, & that in the mean while the Select Men sell the Cloaths of the deceased, mentioned in said account

Voted not to make any grant on the acco^{t}. of Jon^{a}. Rice (other

[1] For taking care of Margaret Miles.

than that allowed) nor on that of Richard Pratt, Provision having been heretofore made for the payment thereof.

Voted to abate Isaac Moore's tax in William Taylor's list being seven shillings & six pence in bills of the last Emission, said Moore having paid the same else where & that said sum be assessed in the same manner & with the other sums granted at this Meeting

The meeting was then dissolved.

A true Entry, att^{s}. Jos. Allen, T. Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held on Monday the ninth day of October, & continued by Adjournments to the sixteenth day of the same Month the following votes passed

The Committee appointed to consider of what Sum may be necessary to grant the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Maccarty, as a Salary for the present year, reported, that having met on said business & debated the affair, they could not come into any agreement

Thereupon it was voted that the Consideration thereof be recommitted & that the Hon. L. Lincoln Esqr. Capt. Joshua Whitney, Lieut. Josiah Pierce & Jos. Allen be added to the Committee

The Committee heretofore chosen to consider of what sums of Money were necessary to be raised to discharge the Contracts entered into by the Town with those persons who engaged to serve as Soldiers for six Months & three months, having made report the Town took into Consideration that part thereof which relates to the officer being considered as one of the Men in respect to the pay by the Town, & it passed in the negative

The Meeting was then adjourned to Monday the twenty third day of October instant, at one o'Clock P. M.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun &

held at the Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the ninth day of October in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty, & continued by adjournment from time to the 23d. day of the same October & then the following votes were passed viz.

Voted, that the report of the Committee appointed to consider what sum may be necessary for the Town to grant the Revd. Mr. Maccarty as a Salary for the present year, be not accepted. vid. file.

Voted that the Sum of Eighty Pounds in bills of Credit of the last emission, or other money equivalent thereto, be granted to the Revd. Mr. Maccarty as his Salary for the present year.

Voted that the further Sum of forty pounds like money be granted to the said Mr. Maccarty in addition to the former sum of Eighty pounds for the present year—& that said sums be assessed

Voted that the Sum of Six hundred & twenty four pounds seven shillings & six pence in bills of Credit of the last emission or other money equivalent thereto be granted, raised & assessed for the purpose of discharging the Contracts made with those persons who engaged to serve as Soldiers for 6 months & 3 months respectively in behalf of this Town.

The meeting was then dissolved

A true entry. attest. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

We the Subscribers, pursuant to an appointment of the Select Men of Worcester, to perambulate the line between Worcester & Sutton, have attended said service, & begun at Black-Stone River, within the bounds of Jonas Woodward's land, at a heap of Stones, & running North Easterly & renewed the bounds between said Towns to the corner of Appleton's land

April the 27th 1780 — Jonathan Rice, Samuel Goddard, Josiah Goddard, Daniel Greenwood, Jonathan Holman

Entered from the Original ℔r Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

We the Subscribers, pursuant to an appointment of the Select Men of Worcester, to perambulate the lines betwixt Worcester & Leicester, have attended said service & began at the north west corner of Worcester, at a heap of Stones on the corner of David Moore's Land, & renewed the bounds betwixt said Towns to the South East corner of Leicester

John Green, Asa Moore } of Worcester
Samuel Denny, Samuel Green, John Lyon } of Leicester

Worcester, april 27th 1780

Entered from the Original ℔r Jos Allen Town Clerk

We the Subscribers, in observance of a notification to us directed by the Select Men of Worcester, have met at the north west corner of Worcester, at a heap of Stones on the corner of David Moore's land, & renewed the bounds between said Worcester & Holden to the north East Corner to a white oak

April 27th 1780 — Richard Flagg, Saml Thompson } Select Men of Holden

Entered from the Orig[l]. ℔ Jos Allen Town Clerk

We the Subscribers, pursuant to an appointment of the Select men of Worcester, to perambulate the line between Worcester & Ward, have attended said service, & begun at Leicester line near the house of Joseph Clark. & renewed the bounds between said Towns to Sutton line.

April the 27th 1780

Jonathan Rice
Joseph Clark
Solomon Bixbee
Benja. Carter

Entered from the Original ℔r Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified as the law directs, legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty.

Samuel Curtis Esqr. was chosen Moderator.

Voted to adjourn to Monday the 23^{d} Ins^{t}. 2 o'Clock P. M.

Monday 23^{d}. of October Met accordingly

Voted that the Sum of Five hundred & twenty nine pounds four shillings in bills of Credit of the last Emission, or other money equivalent thereto be granted, levied & assessed upon the Polls & Estates of this Town, to purchase this Town's quota of Beef[1] agreeably to a late requisition of the General Court

Voted that Messrs. Nathan Patch, Nathaniel Robbins & Josiah Pierce be a Committee to hire money in behalf of this Town & to purchase the Beef aforesaid therewith

Voted that the Assessors be & they hereby are, directed to assess the Polls & Estates in this Town forthwith, to raise the afore granted sum & that the same be paid by the first day of January next.

Voted that Capt. Eben^{r}. Lovell be added to the Committee to purchase S^{d} beef

Voted that Jotham Smith be, & he is hereby released from serving as a Soldier, agreeably to the third article in the Warrant.

Voted that the Committee chosen to purchase beef do not give more than three pounds ℔ hundred weight therefor, unless otherwise directed at the adjournment

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday the thirtieth Ins^{t}. at one o'Clock P. M. then to meet at this place—& the Meeting was accordingly adjourned.

Monday, Octr 30th 1780. Then met

Voted that M^{r}. David Bigelow be Moderator pro tempore, Saml. Curtis Esqr. being absent.

Voted that the Committee chosen to purchase the beef afores^{d} procure the same in the cheapest & most expeditious manner possible, & lay their accounts before the Town for allowance & payment

[1] "Seventeen thousand six hundred & forty weight of Beef including hides & tallow, or money sufficient to purchase said quantity"

Voted that if the beef the Committee may purchase shall exceed, or fall short of the quantity agreed for, the benefit or loss shall accrue to or be supported by the Town

The Meeting was then adjourned to Monday the 13th day of november next

Monday, novr. 13th 1780. The Town having met

Voted that the further Sum of ninety two pounds 11/3 in bills of Credit of the last Emission, or other money equivalent thereto, be assessed upon the Polls & Estates in this Town in addition to the former grant to procure beef

Voted that the Sum of fourteen pounds, fourteen shillings like money be allowed the Committee aforesaid for their trouble in purchasing beef agreeably to their account.

The meeting was then dissolved

A true Entry attst. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twenty fifth day of December, A. D. 1780

Mr. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator

On a motion made & seconded it was voted that the Town should not be divided into Classes for the purpose of raising the quota of Men assigned this Town by the General Court for the Continental Army

Voted that the quota of Men aforesaid be raised by a General Town tax

Voted that Colonel Flagg, Mr. Nathan Perry, Capt. Whitney, Mr. Samuel Bridge, & Mr. Josiah Peirce be a Committee to know on what terms men will engage in the Continental army for three years or during the war, & what Sum of Money may be necessary for that purpose

Voted that the Militia Officers be a Committee to agree with

Soldiers to engage as aforesaid, & to lay their accompts before the Town at the adjournment, for allowance & payment

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday the first day of January next at one o'Clock P. M. & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A true Entry, attˢ. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the twenty fifth day of December A. D. 1780, & continued by adjournment to the first day of January following at one o'Clock P. M. and then met the following Votes were passed viz.

Voted that the second article in the Warrant be referred to the adjournment, & that the Militia Officers in the mean while call their Companies together to know on what terms Soldiers will engage

Voted that Dr. Dix, Mʳ. Asa Ward, Lieuᵗ. Benjamin Stowell, Lieuᵗ. Thomas Wheeler, Mʳ. John Gleason, Lieuᵗ. Pierce Lieuᵗ. Gurney, Dr. John Green, Capᵗ. David Moore & Mʳ. Asa Moore be a Committee to procure monies on the Credit of this Town to enable the Militia Officers to procure this Town's quota of Continental Soldiers

Voted that the Town Treasurer be, & he is hereby directed to give Securities to such persons as shall lend money for the purpose aforesᵈ.

Voted, that the Sum of Twelve hundred & Seventy pounds three shillings & three pence in bills of Credit of the last Emission, or other money equivalent thereto be granted raised & assessed upon the Polls & Estates in this Town for the purpose of procuring this Town's quota of beef.

Voted that Messieurs William Taylor, William Stearns & Benjamin Stowell be a Committee to ascertain what allowance ought to be made to those persons who have heretofore lent money to the Town, on account of Depreciation & report at the adjournment.

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Fryday the fifth day of January instant, at one o'Clock P. M. & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

A true Entry, att^{s}. Jos. Allen, Town Cler.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town on Monday the twenty fifth day of December A. D. 1780, & continued by two several adjournments to Fryday the fifth day of January A D. 1781, at 1 o'Clock P. M. & then met the following votes were passed, viz.

Voted that the further Consideration of the article respecting the procuring this Town's quota of Continental Soldiers, be referred to the next adjournment

Voted that the further Consideration of the article respecting the procuring this Town's quota of Beef, be also referred to the next Meeting on adjournment.

Voted not to allow any depreciation on Monies already paid by the Town

Voted that the Consideration of the fourth article[1] in the warrant be continued to the next Meeting on adjournment

Voted that there be no depreciation money allowed to M^{r}. John Nazro as a Committee to procure a School Master in the Town

Voted not to allow Dr. John Green's account, as in the opinion of the Town, the Town of Bolton ought to discharge the same.

Voted that the sum of seven pounds ten shillings in bills of the last Emission or other money equivalent be allowed & paid to the Committee heretofore chosen to purchase beef for this Town, there having been a mistake in their account

Voted that the sum of Forty seven pounds seven shillings & three pence in bills of Credit of the last emission, or other money equivalent thereto be allowed & paid out of the Town Treasury to

[1] In relation to discharging the debts of the town.

Martha Wiley in full of her accompt for boarding, nursing, &c. Margaret Miles, deceased

Voted that the further Consideration of the sixth article be referred to the next Meeting on adjournment

Voted that Samuel Curtis & others of the Southerly School quarter in this Town, be allowed to receive the School money due to them the last year & appropriate the same to that purpose the present year.

Voted that Timothy Paine Esqr. Joshua Bigelow Esqr. & Capt. John Curtis be a Committee to consider what title the Town has to the land on Mill-Stone hill, & report at the meeting on adjournment.[1]

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Tuesday the sixteenth day of January instant, at one o'Clock P. M. & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

a true entry att^{s} Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twenty fifth day of December A. D. 1780. & continued by several adjournments to Tuesday the sixteenth day of January A. D. 1781, & then met, the following votes were passed, viz

Voted to choose a Committee of twenty three persons to assist the Militia Officers in procuring this Town's quota of men for three years or during the War

Voted that the following persons be a Committee for that purpose

William McFarland	William Stearns	Levi Houghton	Joel How
Charles Stearns	Jona Rice	Josiah Flagg	Thomas Knight
Nathan Patch	Jos. Barber	Wm Gates	David Bigelow
Nathl Brooks	Edwd Crafts	Robt Smith	Nathl Robins
Saml Goddard	Josiah Harrington	Lient Gurney	John Moore
Capt Grout	Benja. Stowell	Joseph Ball	

[1] Article in the warrant: "For the Town to take such measures as they shall judge proper, to prosecute any persons who have Committed, or that shall hereafter commit any trespasses upon mill-stone hill (so called) being the property of this Town."

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to Monday the 22[d] day of January instant, at one o'Clock P. M. & the Meeting was adjourned accordingly

A true Entry, Att[s]. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town Affairs, legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town on Tuesday the sixteenth day of January in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty one

M[r]. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator.

Voted that Messieurs David Bigelow, Nathan Baldwin & William Stearns be a Committee to petition the General Court, in behalf of this Town for relief[1] as expressed in the Second article of the Warrant.

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday the 22[d] day of January instant, at two o'Clock P. M. then to meet at this place, & it was accordingly adjourned

A true entry, att[s]. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twenty fifth day of December A. D. 1780. & continued by adjournment from time to time to Monday the 22[d] day of January A. D. 1781. & then met.

On a motion made & seconded, to rescind the vote for procuring this Town's quota of Continental Soldiers by a general Town tax, which vote was passed on the 25th day of December last, & the question being put, it passed in the negative

[1] " . . . . on account of their having been assessed by Government for some time past in greater Sums of money than the Town apprehend to be their just proportion, & of being called upon for a proportionably larger number of Men for the publick service."

Voted that Capt. Eben^{r}. Lovell, Capt. Saml. Brooks & M^{r}. Phinehas Ward be, & they are hereby appointed a Committee to purchase this Town's quota of beef, & they are desired to inform the Town at the adjournment whether they can procure the same at one hundred & thirty five pounds old Currency per hundred weight.

Voted that the Committee chosen at the last Meeting to procure this Town's quota of Soldiers, together with the militia Officers still exert themselves to effect the same, & report at the adjournment.

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday the twenty ninth day of January instant at one o'Clock in the afternoon, then to meet at this place, & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

A true Entry, att^{s}. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Tuesday the sixteenth day of January A. D. 1781. & continued by adjournment to Monday the 22^{d} day of the same January at two o'Clock P. M. & then met

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to Monday the twenty ninth day of the same January at two o'Clock P. M. then to meet at this place, & the meeting was accordingly adjourned.

A true entry att^{s}. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twenty ninth day of December A. D. 1780. & continued by adjournment from time to time to Monday the twenty ninth day of January 1781 at one o'Clock P. M. & then met.

A motion was made & seconded that the Town would rescind their vote passed on the twenty fifth day of December last, for procuring their quota of Continental Soldiers by a general Town tax, & the question being put thereon, it passed in the negative

It was then voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to Monday the fifth day of February next, at one o'Clock P. M. then to meet at this place, & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A true entry. att^{s}. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick meeting house in said Town on Tuesday the sixteenth day of January A. D. 1781. & continued by adjournment from time to time to Monday the twenty ninth day of January aforesaid, at two o'Clock P. M. & then met.

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to Monday the fifth day of February next, at two o'Clock P. M. then to meet at this place, & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned.

A true entry att^{s} Jos. Allen, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twenty fifth day of December, A. D. 1780. and continued by adjournment from time to time, to Monday the fifth day February One thousand Seven hundred & eighty one, & then met.

A motion was made & seconded that the Town would reconsider their vote passed on the twenty fifth day of December last, for procuring their quota of Continental Soldiers by a general Town tax, and the question being put thereon, it passed in the affirmative.

It was then voted to class the Inhabitants agreeably to the Resolve giving liberty therefor.

Voted that the Select men, the Assessors, & the Commissioned Officers of the Militia, be a Committee to divide the Town into classes

Voted that no two persons of the Committee of twenty nine, heretofore chosen to procure Soldiers, be in one & the same Class

Voted that no class have liberty to procure a Man out of any other Class that shall not have procured their man.

Voted that Messieurs Nathan Perry, Samuel Bridge, Joseph Allen, John Cunningham & William Young Esq^{rs}. be a Committee to ascertain what sum of money will be satisfactory to those Soldiers who engaged to serve for this Town for 6 months & three months respectively, in lieu of Grain

Voted that some of the Inhabitants of the Gore (so called) have leave (if they see cause) to be present when the Committee attend to the business of classing

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to Fryday the ninth day of February instant, at one o'Clock P. M. & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A true entry att^{s}. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Tuesday the sixteenth day of January, A. D. 1781. & continued by adjournment from time to time to Monday the fifth day of February following at two o'Clock P. M. & then met;

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to Fryday the ninth day of February instant, at two o'Clock P. M. then to meet at this place, & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

A true Entry, Att^{s}. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twenty fifth day of December A. D. 1780, and continued from thence by adjournment from time to time, to Fryday the ninth day of February A. D. 1781, & then met

Voted that the Committee appointed to procure this Town's quota of Beef purchase the same as cheap as may be, not exceeding One hundred & fifty pounds Old Currency ℔ 100.^{wt}

Voted that the Money (which is already granted) to purchase this Town's quota of beef be assessed as soon as may be, on the Polls and Estates in this Town, & that the same be paid into the Town Treasury, on or before the first day of April next.

On a motion made & seconded, that the vote of this Town passed on the fifth instant for classing the Inhabitants, be reconsidered, the question was put thereon, & it passed in the negative.

Voted that Deacon Samuel Miller, Joseph Allen & Lieu^{t}. Thomas Wheeler be a Committee to take into Consideration the seventh article in the Warrant, relative to an additional grant being made to M^{r}. James McFarland Collector of Publick taxes, for reasons therein set forth; and that said Committee at the next annual march meeting make report thereon.

Voted that the Committee chosen to ascertain what allowance ought to be made to those persons who have heretofore lent monies to the Town, on account of Depreciation, be a Committee also to consider what may be proper to be done respecting the Interest of money arising from the sale of ministerial & School lands & due to the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Maccarty on the first day of nov^{r}. A. D. 1778 the said m^{r}. maccarty having declined receiving the nominal Sum thereof.

The Committee appointed to consider what title the Town has to the land on mill-stone hill made report in the words following viz.

"The Committee appointed to examine into the right & title "the Town has to mill-Stone hill, beg leave to report, that the "Proprietors of the common & undivided land in Worcester, on "the last Tuesday of Sepr. 1733. "voted *that one hundred acres of "the poorest land on mill Stone hill be left common for the use of "the Town for building Stones.* besides which your Committee do "not find that the Town hath any right to said Millstone hill, but "what they derive from said vote.[1] and that the Inhabitants of said "Town have enjoyed the privilege of getting Stone from said Hill

[1] See Volume III., Collections of the Worcester Society of Antiquity, pages 235 and 308 to 311.

"without any molestation from the said Proprietors or those that "claim Said Hill by virtue of a sale thereof made by a Committee "of said Proprietors

Which report, having been read, was accepted.

It was then voted that this Meeting be dissolved, & it was dissolved accordingly.

A true entry, Att^{s}. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Tuesday the sixteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty one & continued by Adjournment from time to time, to Fryday the ninth day of February following, & then met.

The Committee chosen to ascertain what Sum of Money will be satisfactory to those Soldiers who engaged in behalf of this Town, respectively for 6 months & three months made report, which is on file :

Thereupon It was voted that the further sum of three hundred & thirty nine pounds nine shillings & nine pence, in bills of Credit, or other money equivalent thereto, be granted for the purpose of discharging the Contracts made with said Soldiers, & that the said Sum be levied & assessed upon the Polls & Estates in this Town

On a Motion made & seconded, the third article[1] in the Warrant was dismissed

It was then voted that this Meeting be dissolved, & it was thereupon dissolved accordingly

A true Entry Attest^{r}. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town Affairs, legally warned, &

[1] To allow "the Collector . . . . to receive in lieu of Rates, notes given by this Town to the Soldiers aforesaid."

assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty one

M^r^. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator

Voted that the Committee appointed to procure this Town's quota of Beef exert themselves to effect the same & report at the adjournment of this Meeting what quantity they can procure, & at what price.

On a motion made & seconded, Voted that Lieu^t^. Josiah Pierce be added to the Committee for procuring this Town's quota of Beef.

Voted that the Committee appointed to procure the beef aforesaid, be, & they hereby are directed to purchase the same in the best way & manner they can.

Voted that Benjamin Crosby be, & he is hereby allowed to get so much firewood as will serve him for one year, of such wood as is already down in the School lot, & under the inspection of M^r^. Nathan Patch.

Voted to choose three persons to meet at the house of the Widow Stearns, on the second Wednesday of March instant.

Thereupon the following persons were voted for said purpose, viz. Messieurs David Bigelow, Joshua Whitney & Josiah Pierce.

It was then voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday the 12th. day of March instant, at three o'Clock P. M. & the meeting was accordingly adjourned to that time, then to meet at this place.

A true Entry, Attest^r^. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk.

At a publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting house in Worcester on monday the twelfth day of march A. D 1781 to act on the Several Articles in the Warrant for said Meeting

On the First article Chose M^r^. David Bigelow Moderator of said Meeting

Deacon Samuel Miller Leu^{t}. Nathan Perry M^{r}. Willm McFarland Leu^{t}. Samuel Brown M^{r}. John Gleazen Select men and Overseers of the Poor

Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

M^{r}. Ephraime Miller Capt. Ebenezar Lovell M^{r}. John Chamberline Assessors

Leu^{t}. Nathan Perry Town Treasurer

M^{r}. Daniel Heywood M^{r}. Nathan Patch Constables

Voted to Choose one Collector of Taxes

Chose M^{r}. Nathan Patch which Service he has agreed to do For Two pence on the pound

M^{r}. Joseph Allen M^{r}. Nathan Baldwin M^{r}. Isaiah Thomas Committee of Correspondence

M^{r}. Samuel Bridge Capt. Joshua Whitney Clarks of the Market

M^{r}. Samuel Goddard M^{r}. Joseph Ball M^{r}. William Mahan M^{r}. John Gleazen M^{r}. Isaac Knight M^{r}. James Mcfarland Capt. Samuel Mower M^{r}. Jonathan Gates M^{r}. Benjamine Stowell M^{r}. Thadeas Chamberlane M^{r}. Nathaniel Brooks M^{r}. Daniel Harris Surveyors of highways & Collectors of highway Taxes.

M^{r}. Nathan Heard Sealer of Leather

M^{r}. Solomon Bigsbee M^{r}. Phineas Ward Surveyors of Bords & Shingles

Voted that the Sum of Ten thousand pounds in the old Emition of Continental Currentcy be granted to be levied on the Poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town for the purpose of keeping the highways in Repair

Voted that Nine pounds be the price of one days Labour at the highways p^{r}. man Oxen & Carts & plows in the usual proportion

Voted that those that have over worked their last years Tax be allowed in this years Tax & those that have not worked out their Last years tax be allowed to work it out this year

Voted For a County Treasurer

Voted For a Register of Deeds & Conveyances of Lands

Voted that this Meeting be adjorned to Thursday Next at one OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this place & the Meeting was accordingly adjorned to that time then to meet at this Place

A True entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to Vote in Town affairs, begun & held at the publick meeting house in said Town on monday the Fifth day of march, A, D, 1781 & Continued by adjournment to monday the Twelfth day of the same march at three OClock in the afternoon & Then Met

Voted that This Meeting be further adjourned to Thursday the Fiftenth day of the Same march at three OClock, P, M, & then To meet at this place & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry att^{s}. Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester quallified to Vote in Town affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on monday the Twelfth day of march A, D, 1781 & Continued by adjournment to Thursday the Fifteenth day of the same march at one OClock & then Met

First Chose Wardens

Leu^{t}. Thomas Wheler M^{r}. Jonathan Gates Wardens

M^{r}. Josiah Perry M^{r}. James Barber Tythingmen

M^{r}. William Mahan M^{r}. Isaac Knight Fence Viewers

M^{r}. Jacob Holmes M^{r}. Josiah Flagg Field drivers

M^{r}. Joseph Ball M^{r}. John Stanton Deer Reaves

M^{rss} Benjamine Whitney Jur. Elijah Flagg John Elder Samuel Fullerton William Quigley John Parker Solomon Smith John Stearns Jur. Isaac Flagg Hog Reaves

Voted that the Sum of Four Thousand pounds in the old Emition of Continental Currentcy be raised for the Support of Schooling the Currant year

Voted that the Sum granted to Support Schooling be Levied on the Poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town

Voted that the money granted for the Support of Schooling be proportioned in the Same way & manner it was the Last year

Mr. Joseph Allen Mr. Ebenezar Barber Mr. Daniel Beard Leut. Nathaniel Harrington Mr. Samuel Mower Jur. Capt. Ebenezar Lovell Capt. Samuel Brooks Mr. Stephen Dexter Mr. John Chamberline Mr. Joel How a Comitte to procure & Support Schooling in the Several Districks in this Town.

Voted that Capt. Samuel Brooks be a Comitte to provide a gramer Master & that the gramer School begin at his Quarter

Voted to Choose three For a Comitte to Settle with the Town Treasurer & then Chose the three Following Gentlemen, Mr. Joseph Allen Mr. Nathaniel Brooks & Capt Joshua Whitney

Voted the Swine Should go at Large the present year being yoked and Ringed according to Law

Voted to accept of & allow Cornet Moors account which Sum is Ninety Pounds in the old Emition of Continental Currentcy For Thirty weight of Pork dd to Elisha Dunham

Voted to Supply the pulpit During the Time that Mr. Maccarty is not able to Supply it & Choose a Comitte for Said Purpose

Voted the Comitte Consist of three to Supply the pulpit then Chose the three Following Gentlemen Deacon Miller Deacon Chamberline & Capt Curtis

Voted to Accept the Report of the Comitte appointed by the Town to Estamate what sum of money ought to be allowed Mr. James Macfarland Collector of Taxes The Report is as Follows

We the Subscribers a Comitte appointed by the Town of Worcester to Estimate what Sum of money in addition to that Stipulated in march last, ought to be allowed Mr. James Macfarland Collecter of Taxes the Currant year have attended the duty assigned us & beg leave to report as follows that it appears to your Comitte that Ten Taxes to the amount of two Hundred & forty Thousand

three hundred & twenty pounds old Currency, or Six thousand & Eighty pounds New money have been Committed to him to Collect that Considering the great number of Taxes the largeness of their amount & the difficulty attending the Collecting them your Comitte are unanimously of Opinion that the Sum of Fifty pounds New money ought to be allowed the Said Mcfarland For his Said Services he relinqueshing the Sum Voted at the Last annual March Meeting & Collecting all the Taxes Committed to him

Sam[ll] Miller P[r]. Order

Article 13th. Voted to Accept of a Bridle Road[1] Laid out by the Select Men as is Set Forth in the warrant it being no Cost to the Town

Article 14th.[2] Voted to Choose a Committee to go & Vew the gate mentioned in the Warrant & make report to the Town Chose Cap[t]. Sam[l]. Brooks

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to the First Monday in April Next at two OClock in the afternoon then to Meet at this place, & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned to that time & Place

A true Entry Att[s] Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the Fifth day of march, A. D. 1781. & Continued by adjournment From Time to Time to This Fifteenth Day of the Same March at three OClock P. M. & then Met

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to monday the Second day of Next April at three OClock P. M. then to Meet at this Place & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned to that Time & Place A True Entry: Att[s]. Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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[1] From land of Joseph Blair to the county road.

[2] To see if the town would reconsider a vote allowing a gate to be set up on the road from the cross-road to Jacob Hemenway's.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town on Monday the Twelfth day of March A. D, 1781 & continued by adjournment From Time to Time to this Second day of April at two OClock in the afternoon & then Met

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to Monday the the Ninth Day of this Instant April at two OClock in the afternoon then to Meet at this Place, & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry Attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town on monday the Fifth day of march A. D. 1781 & Continued by adjournment From Time to time to this Second day of April at three OClock in the afternoon & then Met

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to monday The Ninth day of this Instant April at three OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place, & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry Attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified as the Constitution or frame of Government Directs in the Choice of Governor &c, legally warned and assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on monday the Second day of April at one of the Clock in the afternoon in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred & Eighty one, The Following persons were Voted for as Governor of this Commonwealth & had the Number of Votes expressed against their respective Names

Hon John Hancock Esqr. 48 Hon James Bowdoin Esqr. 4
Nathaniel Moor 1

The Following Persons were Voted for as Lieu^{t}. Governor & had the Number of Votes expresed against their respective Names

Hon Thomas Cushing Esqr. 41 Azor Orne Esqr. 2

The Following persons were Voted for as Senators & Councellors & had the Number of Votes expresed against their respective Names

Henery Bromfield Esqr.	1	M^{r}. James Tanner	8
Saml. Curtis Esqr.	19	Joseph Henshaw Esqr.	1
Thomas Legate Esqr.	3	Jon^{a}. Grout Esqr.	1
Seth Washburn Esqr.	7	Eben^{r}. Crafts Esqr.	1
M^{r}. David Bigelow	9	John Sprague Esqr.	6
Genl. Eben^{r}. Learnard	3	Saml. Baker Esqr.	35
Hon Levy Lincoln Esqr.	6	Moses Gill Esq^{t}.	34
Mr Israel Nichols	2	Joseph Dorr Esqr.	29
Joseph Allen Esqr.	6		

It was then Voted that this meeting be dissolved, & it was thereupon Dissolved accordingly

A True Entry Attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, quallified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in Said Town, on Monday the Twelfth day of march, A, D, 1781 & continued by adjournments from time to time to this ninth day of April at two oClock in the afternoon & then Met

Voted to make an addition of three to the Committee to Settle accounts with the Town Treasurer Then Chose the three following Gentlemen Timothy Paine Esqr. Capt. Ebenezar Lovell & Lie^{tt}. Nathan Perry

Voted that the committee Chose to Settle accounts with the Town Treasurer be Dirrected to examine & receive the accounts of the committe Chose to hire & pay the Six & three month Men

Voted that their be an addition of two to the Committe Chose to ascertain what allowance ought to be made to those persons who have heretofore Lent money to the Town then Chose Mr. Ephraime Miller & Mr. James Moor for said addition

Voted to allow Mr. Ephraime Mower the Sum of Eighteen Shillings of the New Emission for Transporting a woman & Child from Worcester to Shrewsbury

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to monday the fifteenth day of this Instant April at Four OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place, & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry attst Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of The Freeholders & others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun & held at the publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the Fifth day of march A, D, 1781 & continued by adjournment From time to time to This Ninth day of April at three OClock in the afternoon & Then Met

Voted that the Town Treasurer Forward the money he Shall Receive From the Collector For the purpose of raising of Beef to the agent or his Deputies

Then Voted that this Meeting be dissolved and it was thereupon Dissolved accordingly

A True Entry Attst Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on monday the Ninth day of April in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty one

Mr. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator

Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the

Sixteenth day of April Instant at half after Four OClock in the afternoon & the meeting was accordingly adjourned to that Time then to meet at this Place

A True Entry att^{s} Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of The Freeholders & others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun & held at the publick meeting house in Said Town, on monday the twelfth day of march, A. D. 1781 and continued by adjournment from time to time to monday this Sixteenth day of April at Four OClock in the afternoon, & Then Met

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee appointed to Settle with the Town Treasurer which Report is as Follows

Worcester April 16th. 1781 We the Subscribers being a Committee appointed by the Town of Worcester to Settle with Capt. W^{m}. Gates Town Treasurer for the year 1780 have attended Said Service & find that the Several Assessments made on the Inhabitants of Said Town and the money he received of Saml. Curtis Esqr together with the Ballance due to the Town at the last Settlement with D^{r}. John Green his immediate predecessor in office including outstanding Taxes in W^{m}. Taylors hands amounts to the Sum of four thousand two hundred & ninety three pounds one Shilling & Eight pence half penny New Emission that he has discharged himself provided the foregoing account is approved of by the Town of part of Said Sum, viz. of Twelve hundred & four pounds & nine pence So that there is a balance due to the Town on this Settlement of three thousand and Eighty nine pounds & Eleven pence half penny New Emission which Said Treasurer is further to account for

Errors Excepted

Jos. Allen
Benj^{a}. Flagg
Tim^{o}. Paine
Nathan Perry
} Committe for Said Purpose

Part of the above Balance is in Mr. Nathan Patches hands Being 1664,, 10,, 3
Part in Wm. Taylors being 137,, 4,, 1
} New money
and the deficiency to make the Sum of £3089-0-11½ in James Mcfarlands hands which they are Severally to account with the Present Treasurer for or his Successors

Voted to accept the Report of the committe appointed to Examine the accounts of the Comitte for hireing the Six months men & that the Select men give Mr. Joseph Allen an order For the Ballance due to Mr Filmore on the Town Treasurer which Sum is £483-4-0 old money The Report is as Follows

The Comitte appointed to Examine the accounts of the Comitte for hireing the Six months men Report that they Borrowed money of Sundry Persons to pay the Bounty amounting to £7496-16 that they have paid to Sundry Soldiers including thirty Eight Bushels of Corne paid by Mr. Allen to Mr. Filmore. the Sum of £7980 by which it appears there is a Ballance due to Mr. Allen one of Sd. Comitte the Sum of £483-4 & it is the opinion of the Sd Comitte that the Town Give Direction that the Select men make out an order to the Town Treasurer to Sd allen for ye Payment of Sd Sum the above Sums are old money

April. 15th. 1781 all which is Submitted

Timo. Paine
Nathan Perry
Benja. Flagg

Voted to Choose a Committe to Consist of three to apply for the Six months mens wages & deliver them to the Town Treasurer then Chose the three Following Gentlemen for Said Purpose Mr. Allen Esqr Curtis & Esqr. Paine

Voted that the Comitte Chose to hire the three months men be impowered to give them orders on the present Town Treasurer and be accountable to the Town for the Same & that Said Comitte be impowered to Receive the three months mens Wages of Capt. Grout and be accountable to the Town for the Same

Voted to allow the Following accounts viz

To Benja. Flagg Jur. for 133 lb of Pork Delivered to Mr. Elisha Dunham	£259	7	0
To Benja. Flagg Jur. for 1 Bushel of Rye dd the Comitte for hireing the Six months Men	£ 22	10	0
old money	£281	17	0

Voted that the Select men Give M[r]. Benjamine Flagg Ju[r]. an order on the Town Treasurer

Voted to allow Mr. James Tracy for Ringing the Meeting house Bell From march 1780 to march 1781 £90 0 0

Voted to accept the Report of the Select men Respecting the money arising From the Sale of Ministerial & School Lands

Voted to Reconsider the Vote passed Respecting the Select mens Report of the money arising From the Sale of Ministerial and School Lands

Voted that M[r]. James Mcfarland be added to the Committe For making the depreciation to those that heretofore Lent money to the Town in the Room of M[r]. Stearns

Voted that Cap[t]. Ebenezar Lovell M[r]. Nathan Patch & M[r]. Nathaniel Brooks be a Comittee to see what Terms Colo Henshaw will Settle upon & make Report to the Town

It was then Voted that this Meeting be dissolved & it was there upon dissolved accordingly

A True Entry att[s] Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick meeting house in said Town on monday the Ninth day of April, A. D. 1781 & Continued by adjournment to monday the Sixteenth day of the Same April at half after Four OClock P. M. & Then Met

A motion was made & Seconded that the minds of the Town be Taken in Regard of M[r]. Thomas Richardsons being Considered

as a Neglecting Individual & the question being put thereon it passed in the Negative

Voted that Samuel Plum Aaron Smith Abraham Gale & Anthony Williams be Neglecting Individuals & that the assessors Immediately assess them the Sums they were Sever[a]ly assessed in the Clases which they Belong to with an addition of half Said Sum

Voted that Ritchard Harris be dismised From the Class he Belongs to Free From Cost

It was Then Voted that this meeting be dissolved & it was thereupon Dissolved accordingly

A true Entry Att[s] Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of The Freeholders & others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified as the Constitution Directs in the Choice of Representatives legally warned & assembled at the publick meeting house in Said Town, on Tuesday the Fifteenth day of may in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty one

Samuel Curtis Esq[r]. was Chosen to Represent this Town at the ensueing General Court

attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on Tuesday the Fifteenth day of may in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty one

Samuel Curtis Esq[r]. was Chosen Moderator

Voted to Choose a Committee to Examine the accounts that Shall be Brought in against the Town at this Meeting likewise the Request of M[r]. James Quigly in Regard to a Child of M[rs] Brooks and make Report to the Town then Chose the three following Gentlemen for Said purpose M[r]. Nathan Perry Timothy Paine Esq[r]. & Cap[t]. John Curtis

Voted that the Sum of one hundred pounds Lawfull Money be granted to the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Maccarty for his Salery the current year to be paid in Solid Money or other money Equivalent

Voted that the Select men provide Some person to Ring the Bell the Current year

Voted that the Select men procure Some person to take Care of the Burrying Ground the Current year

Voted to accept of the List For Jurymen that the Select men have accibited to the Town and also the list of the Forth part to Serve for Jurys at the Superior Court See File

Voted that the Present Select men be a Committee to Settle with the old Select men with regard to past Deficiences in regard to the Moneys Arising From the Sale of Ministerial & School Lands & make Report to the Town

Voted to Choose a Committee to Consist of Five to See what Terms they Can Settle with those who have lent money to the Town then Chose the Following persons Capt. Joshua Whitney M^{r}. Asa Moore M^{r}. Benjamine Stowell Capt. Samuel Mower & M^{r}. Nathan Baldwin

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to monday the Twenty Eighth Day of this Instant may at one of the Clock in the after noon then to meet at this Place, & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester quallified to Vote in Town affairs begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on tuesday the fifteenth day of may A, D, 1781 and Continued by adjournment to monday the Twenty Eighth day of the Same may at one of the Clock in the afternoon & Then Met the Following Votes were passed Viz

Voted to allow the following accounts & that they be allowed in Sollid Money & paid in Sollid money or other money Equivalent viz

To Othaniel Taylor for keeping Ruben Hoit his wife & Child six weeks at 12/ pr week	3	12	0
To Lydia Taylor for boarding Ruben Hoit his wife & Child 20 weeks & one day & Nurs 2 weeks	12	0	9
To David Bigelow for boarding Rubin Hoit his wife & Child 2 weeks	1	4	0
To Ritchard Prat for boarding & Nursing Ruben Hoit his wife & Child & for Sundrys & Trouble	4	15	1
To Jedediah Healey for a Coffin for Ruben Hoit	0	9	0
To Doctr. John Green for journeys to Ruben Hoit and medicen	6	8	1
To Thomas Wheler for making Rates & Finding paper & money Expended	1	2	0
To James Moore Nathaniel Brooks & Ephraim Miller for making Rates Settleing a Valuation & paper	6	15	0
To James Quigley for the maintainence of a Child of Agness Brookes 40 weeks at 3/ pr. week Ending 1781 28th of may	6	0	0
To William Johnson for Sundrys he Relinquishing all former Grants	2	1	7
	£44	7	6

Voted that the account of David Bigelow Joshua Whitney & Josiah Peirce lye for the present

Voted to allow Leu^{t}. Josiah Pierce the money that he Lent to the Town Eaquail to what it was when Lent with interest till paid

Voted to allow Leu^{t} Nathan Perry the money that he Lent to the Town Equail to what it was when lent with interest till paid & that the Town Receives the money he owes to the Town at the Same Rate

Voted to Choose a Committee to Consist of Five to Licquedate the accounts & Demands that lye against the Town & See what they are in Sollid Money & make Report to the Town then Chose the following Persons M^{rss} Joseph Allen James Moore Isaiah Thomas Timothy Paine Esqr. & Capt. John Curtis

Voted that this meeting be dissolved & it was dissolved accordingly

A True Entry attst Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

Worcester April 16th 1781

Sir, We have this day licensed Mr. Saml. Bridge as an Auctioneer in this Town for the Term of one year & have taken Sufficient bonds of Said Bridge for the faithfull discharge of his trust in Said Capacity & Direct you to record this in the Town Book

To Mr. Daniel Goulding
Town Clerk

Saml. Miller
Nathan Perry
Wm Mcfarland
Saml Brown
John Gleason
} Select men of Worcester

A True Entry from the original attst. Daniel Goulding T Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs legally warned & assembled at the publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the Ninth day of July in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty one the Following Votes were passed Viz

Joseph Allen Esqr. Chose Moderator

Voted to Choose a Committee to Consist of three to Draw a peticion to Send to the General Court in regard of the Towns being over Taxed & Lay it before the Town at the adjournment of this meeting then Chose Mrs Joseph Allen David Bigelow & Nathan Perry for said purpose

Voted that the Militia Officers be a Committee to procure Soldiers for the Service at Rode Island in the Best way & manner they Can

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to thursday next at Four oClock, P, M, & it was adjourned accordingly

a True entry attst. Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun & held at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on monday the Ninth day of July, A, D, 1781 & Continued by adjournment to Thursday the Twelfth day of the Same July at Four OClock, P. M, and then Met then the Following Votes were passed, Viz

Voted on the 2d. Article to Raise the Towns Quota of Beef according to the Requisition of the General Court June the 22d. 1781

Voted to pay for the Beef that Shall be Raised in hard money

Voted that the Sum of Four hundred pounds in Gold or Silver be granted Raised assessed on the Polls & Estates in this Town and paid in by the first day of January Next For the purpose of Raising this Towns Quota of Beef

Voted that Colo Ebenezar Lovell & Capt. Joshua Whitney be a Committee to procure the Beef mentioned in the warrant and that the Town will indemnify them

Voted that the Committee deliver the first requisition of Beef on the 19th of this Instant July at Swans Tavern in Leicester in the morning - to Colo Jacob Davis

Voted that the Committee be directted to procure & Deliver the former deficiences of beef to Said Davis at the Time & place above mentioned

Voted that the Committee aforesaid procure & Deliver the Other monthly requisitions of Beef when called for

Voted that a Committee be Chosen to know on what terms Soldiers will engage, whether they will take produce, what Sum of money will be necessary to be paid down & whether they can hire a Sum in hard money for that purpose

Voted that the Militia officers be a Committee to Raise the men for head Quarters

Voted that this Meeting be Further adjourned to monday the 16th of July Instant at 2 OClock, P, M, then to meet at this Place & it was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry attst Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun & held at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on monday the Ninth day of July, A, D, 1781 & Continued by adjournment From time

to time to monday the Sixteenth of the Same July at two OClock P, M, & then Met the Following Votes were passed Viz.

Voted that the Melitia Officers be a Committee to raise the men on the Best terms they can and hire money for to pay Said men upon the Town Security & be paid by the Town for their Trouble

Voted to Reconsider So mutch of the last Vote as Relates to the Melitia Officers hireing money to raise the men

Voted to Choose a Committee to hire money to pay the men and that the Committee Consist of three

Voted that the Town Treasurer be impowered to Receive the money that Shall be Subscribed for hireing the men & give Securitys in behalf of the Town with intrest

Voted that this Meeting be Further adjourned to monday the 23^{d} of this Instant July at Four OClock, P, M, then to meet at this Place & it was accordingly adjourned

a True Entry att^{s} Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to Vote in Town affairs, begun & held at the publick meeting house in said Town on monday the Ninth day of July A, D, 1781 & Continued by adjournment From time to time to monday the 23^{d} of the Same July at Four OClock P. M. & Then Met the Following Votes were passed, Viz

Voted that the Militia officers be impowered to Receive of M^{r}. James Macfarland part of the hard money Tax for the Purpose of hireing Soldiers Eaquil to twenty Dollars p^{r}. man & that the Town indemnify Said Macfarland

Voted that the Town Treasurer be Directed to give Securitys to the men that Shall be hired for the Remaining part they do not Receive in behalf of the Town

Voted that the Sum of Four hundred & Fourteen Pounds in Silver or gold be granted for the purpose of Raising Soldiers & that Said Sum be imediately levied and assessed upon the Polls & Estates in this Town & one third part of Said Tax imeaditly Collect-

ed & the Remainder as Soon as posable & So mutch of the First part paid to M^r. James Macfarland as he Shall have payed to the Committee for the purpose of hireing Men

Voted that this Meeting be Further adjourned to monday the Sixth day of august Next at Four OClock, P. M. then to meet at this place & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry att^s Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun and held at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on Monday the Ninth day of July A. D. 1781 & Continued by adjournment From time to Time to monday the Sixth day of august A. D. 1781 at Four OClock P, M, and then Met the Following Votes were passed, Viz

Voted that the Sum of one hundred & Ninety Seven pounds ten Shillings in Silver or gold be granted Raised & assessed upon the Polls & Estates in this Town & Collected before the First day of January Next For the purpose of paying for the Horses that the Select men procured the last year according to a Resolve of the General Court.

Voted that This Meeting be Further adjourned to monday the thirteenth day of this Instant august at Four OClock, P. M. then to meet at this place & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry att^s. Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Quallified to vote in Town affairs begun & held at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on monday the ninth day of July 1781 and continued by adjournment from time to time to monday the thirteenth day of august, A. D. 1781 at Four OClock P. M. & then Met then the Following Votes were passed Viz

Voted that the Sum of one hundred & Sixteen pounds Five Shillings & Four pence in Gold or Silver be granted for the purpose of purchasing this town Quota of Cloathing & that Said Sum be levied and assessed upon the Polls & Estates in this Town

Voted that the Select men Deliver the Collector a Scadule of the persons that they purchase Cloathing of & the Sum that they agree to give them for Said Cloathing & the Collector allow the persons mentioned in Said Scadule the Sum Set against their Name towards their Taxes

Voted that this Meeting be Further adjourned to thursday the thirtyeth day of this Instant august at two OClock P. M. then to meet at this Place & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry att^{s} Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun & held at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on monday the Ninth day of July, A, D, 1781 & Continued by adjournment From time to time to thursday the thirtyeth day of august A D. 1781 at two OClock P. M. & then Met The Following Votes were passed Viz

Voted to accept of the petition that the Committee have drawed up & that the Said petition be Recorded in the Town Book The Petition is as Follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts } To the Honorable the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth afores^{d}. in General Court assembled

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Humbly Shews

That for Several years last past your petitioners have been called upon by Government for larger Sums of money & greater numbers of Soldiers than their Just proportion which they can make evidently to appear if your Honors would indulge them with an opportunity therefor your petitioners have heretofore applied to your Honors for relief but are informed that their omission in not returning a valuation in the year 1778 bars them from a possibility

of redress a circumstance so unfortunate to your petitioners as impels them as well to vindicate themselves from any supposed contumacy towards Government as to open a way to their relief, to State that matter in its Just light. The Town knew nothing of of the omission of the assessors with respect to the valuation before mentioned until a disproportionate assessment led them to enquire into the cause of your petitioners afterwards called upon the assessors whose duty it was to have returned the valuation to declare their motives for the Supposed neglect, & were by them informed that the orders for taking a new valuation did not reach them in season your petitioners would beg leave to observe that admitting that the assessors were culpable, as it was without the consent or even Knowledge of the Town yet in their apprehension they have a full claim to be considered & relieved in the premises, your petitioners therefore again most earnestly pray your Honors to take their case into your wise consideration & as they wish not to elude the burthen of the day, that a full enquiry may be made as to the Justice of their complaint & that they may experience that equity which they apprehend their case intitles them to both with respect to future taxes & those that have been made since the last general valuation & as in duty bound your petitioners Shall ever pray

At a Meeting of The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester legally assembled on Thursday the thirtieeth day of august A. D. 1781

Voted that the foregoing petition be presented to Sam[l]. Curtis Esq[r]. who is requested to lay the Same before the General Court at the next Session Attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee Chose to hire the Five & three months men See File, & that Said Committee be discharged the Sums they have Received from M[r]. Macfarland for Said purpose

Voted to allow the following accounts Viz

to John Gleason for hireing men & Expences	£3 3 0
to Joshua Whitney for hireing men & Expences	6 0 0
	£9 3 0

it was then Voted that this meeting be dissolved & it was thereupon dissolved accordingly

A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun and held at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on monday the tenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & Eighty one

Deacon Jacob Chamberline was chosen Moderator

Voted to Choose a Committee to make examination into the Debts & Credits of this Town & to lequedate & bring them into hard money then Chose the Following Gentlemen for Said purpose Joseph Allen Esqr., Leu^{t}. Thomas Wheler, Colo Ebenezar Lovell Timothy Paine Esqr. M^{r}. John Stanton & Voted that Said Committee take into Consideration the Re^{v}. M^{r}. Maccartys Letter

Voted to allow the Revn^{d}. M^{r}. Millen the Sum of Twelve pounds twelve Shillings Solid money for Supplying the pulpit Seven days

Voted that the assessors be directed to Lequedate all the paper money grants & bring them into hard money that have not been assessed

Voted that all the grants that have not been assessed be Levied and assessed on the polls & Estates in this Town

Voted to Supply the pulpip During the Indisposition of the Re^{v}. M^{r}. Maccarty & Voted that the Sum of Twenty pounds in Solid money be granted for Said purpose & that the Same be Levied and assessed on the polls and Estates in this Town

Voted that their be a Contribution for the purpose of Supplying the Pulpit and those that Contribute & put their Names on their money be allowed the Sum the[y] Contribute out of their Tax

Voted that the two Deacons of this Church be a Committee to Supply the pulpit During the Indisposition of the Re^{v}. M^{r}. Maccarty

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to monday the Eighth day of October Next at two OClock, in the afternoon then to Meet at this Place & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True entry att^{s}. Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Quallified to vote in Town affairs legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on Tuesday the Twenty fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & Eighty one

M^{r}. David Bigelow was Chosen Moderator

Voted that if one Fourth parte of the Training Band Martch according to Colo Ebenezar Lovels Orders that they be paid by This Town a hire from the Time they martch to the Time they are properly discharged in proportion to the three months men & be allowed a Reasonable time to Come home and [be] paid

then Voted that this meeting be dissolved & it was accordingly dissolved

A True entry att^{s}. Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun and held at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on monday the Tenth day of September A. D. 1781 and Continued by adjournment to monday the Eighth day of the October Following at two OClock in the afternoon & then met

Voted that M^{r}. Samuel Goddard be desired to wait upon the Towns Committee and inform them the Town is Ready to Receive their Report

Voted that this Meeting be Further adjourned to monday the Twenty Second of this Presint October at two oClock in the afternoon then to meet at this place & it was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry Attest Daniel Goulding T Clerk

Mit according to the above adjournment October 22d 1781

Voted that this Meeting be Further adjourned to monday the Fifth day of November Next at three OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

a True entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, Qualified to vote in Town Affairs Legally warned and assembled at the Publick Meeting house in Said Town on monday the Twenty Second Day of October in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty one

Mr. Nathan Perry was Chosen Moderator

Voted to Choose a Committee to Prevent a Roads being Laid out through parte of the Town of Worcester & that Said Committee consist of three then Chose Mr. David Bigelow Deacon Jacob Chamberline & Capt. Joshua Whitney for Said Committee

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the Fifth day of November Next at two OClock P. M. then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

Met according to the above adjournment November 5th. 1781

Voted that the Select men be Desired to call upon the old Select men for a Settlement in regard to the money arrising from the Sale of the ministerial & School Lands

Voted that this meeting be Further adjourned to monday the Twenty Sixth day of this Instant November at one OClock P. M. then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to Vote in Town affairs, begun & held at the publick meeting house in said Town on monday the

tenth day of September A, D, 1781 and Continued by adjournment From time to Time to monday the Fifth Day of the November Following at three OClock in the afternoon & then Met

Voted that this meeting be Further adjourned to monday the Twenty Sixth Day of this Instant November at two OClock P. M. then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun and held at the publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the Twenty Second day of October in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty One and Continued by adjournment from time to time to monday the Twenty Sixth day of the November Following at One OClock P. M. & then Met

Voted to Choose a Committee to appear at Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Worcester on the first tuesday of December Next to Remonstrate against a Roads being Laid out by the Courts Committee through parte of the Town of Worcester Voted that Said Committee Consist of three Persons then Chose Levi Lincoln Esqr. Deacon Jacob Chamberline & Samuel Curtis Esqr. to be a Committee For Said purpose

Voted that for the Future the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Maccartys Salery be made in a Tax by itself and Further Voted that the Taxes Collected by the Collector Shall be paid to the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Maccarty or his Order

Voted to allow to Colo Benjamine Flagg the Sum of Nine Shillings hard money for the pound Gate

Voted that this meeting be dissolved and it was accordingly Dissolved A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun at [*sic*] held at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on monday the

Tenth day of September in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty one and Continued by adjournment From Time to Time to monday the Twenty Sixth day of November Following at two OClock P. M. & then Met

Voted that this Meeting be Further adjourned to monday the Third day of December Next at two OClock, P. M. then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun and held at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on monday the Tenth Day of September in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty one and Continued by adjournment From time to time to monday the third day of December Following at two OClock P. M. & then Met

Voted that the Committee appointed Sometime Past to examine into the Debts and Credit of this Town be Desired to meet with the Town Treasurer & the Collector M^r^. Taylor and adjust the Debts and Credit of this Town

Voted that this meeting be Further adjourned to monday the Tenth day of this Instant December at two OClock P. M. then to meet at this Place, & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

Met according to the above adjournment December 10th. 1781

then Voted that this meeting be Further adjourned to monday the Twenty Fourth day of this Instant December at two OClock P. M. then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding T Clerk

Met according to the above adjournment December 24th 1781

Voted to allow to M^r^. James Macfarland the Sum of three pounds one Shilling it being the Cost of an Execution for the hard money Tax

Voted that the Sum of Eleven hundred & Fourteen pounds twelve Shillings & two pence half penney be granted Raised and assessed upon the polls & Estates in this Town for the purpose of defraying the Debts of this Town

Voted that this meeting be dissolved and it was dissolved accordingly A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Freeholders and Others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun and held at the publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the Twenty First Day of January in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty two the Following Votes were passed Viz

Mr. Nathan Perry Chosen Moderator

Voted that the County Tax be made with the Town Tax that the Gore has to pay their proportion of

Voted that the money Granted the Last Town meeting be Collected by the First Day of march Next & paid into the Treasurer

Voted that this Town Disapprove of a Late act of this Commonwealth Laying certain Duties or Excise on Several articles therein mentioned

Voted to instruct our Representative for to use his utmost Endeavours to git Said act Repealed then Chose Timothy Paine Esqr. Mr. Nathan Baldwin & Mr. Cornelas Stowell a Committee to Draw instructions for Said Purpose

Voted that Mr. Thomas be Desired to Print the proceding of this meeting in his Next Paper

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Fryday the Twenty Fifth of this Instant January at two OClock P. M. then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Legal meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to Vote in Town meeting held on

the 25th of January, A. D. 1782 by adjournment From the 21st of the Same month

Whereas the Said Town at their meeting on the 21st Day of January did disapprove of a Late act of this Commonwealth laying Excise on Wine Rum &c. and on Wheel carriages and did then Vote to enstruct Samuel Curtis Esqr. our Representative to use his utmost Endeavours to have Said act repealed — The Town now taking the matter again into consideration do give the following Reasons why Said act ought to be Repealed

First It is an indirect method of levying moneys as those who pay said Duties cannot know what Sum they pay which is contrary to the Geneus of a Free people

2d that it multiplies Oathes and Subjects a great Number of Persons to be Sworn in matters wherein they are deeply interested & Consequently instead of Suppressing immorality has a contrary Tendency

3d That if it is necessary to lay Duties for the Support of Government & Suppressing of Luxury & Extravagance the Said Duties ought to be laid on Such articles only as are merely Luxurious and not on Some of those mentioned in Said act Spiritous Liquers being absolutely necessary for our Seefearing Brethren coasting along our Shores in Boats & Lighters at all Seasons of the year to Supply the market with wood Lumber & Fish—also for the Farmer whose Fatigue is almost unsupportable in hay Time & harvest and other Seasons of the year—& for the New Beginners in bringing forward new Townships where they have nothing to drink but water and perhaps are exposed to more Hardships than any other persons nor on Bohea Tea which in populous Places & in many Places in the Country is Substituted by many Poor People for their Support & Sustinance in the Room of milk which is not to be had and they find it to be a cheap Diet nor on comon Chaise & other carriages Such as are kept in the country for the necessary conveyances of Familys to meetings & the useing them very often saves the keeping of a horse extraordinary and Enabbles the Farmer to keep more cows or sheep which are more Profitable—and all carriages being manufactured among our Selves laying a Duty upon

them has a Tendency to discourage all those mechanicks employed in making them

4thly The mode pointed out in Said act for collecting Said Dutys is much more expensive than necessary however Small the Commissions allowed the Collector may appear—For if the collector can afford to Ride into every Town in the county & collect the Duties for three pr cent the comon collector of Taxes in each Town can afford to collect the Same in his own Town for one pr cent & convey the moneys to the publick Treasury with his other Publick money

5thly That all consumers of Spiritous Liquers at Taverns will pay about Eight Times as much as the Duties amount to for it is well known that the Tavern keeper Sells his mixt Liquers for two pence more in a mugg than before the excise was laid when in fact the Duties on Each mugg does not amount to more than a farthing & so in proportion on other Liquers

6thly that all Persons living upon the Borders of this Government will purchase Liquers for their own consumption of the Neighboring Governments & thereby avoid paying any of Said Dutys

7thly the Said act for laying a Duty on Tea exempts all persons from paying a Duty who buys at one Time Fifty pounds or more of bohea tea or Twenty Five pounds of other India Tea which appears to be calculated to lay a Tax upon the poor & exempt the Rich

8thly The consumer of Spiritous Liquers are charged by the Retailor & Tavern keeper with the whole of the excise mentioned in Said act & they are obliged to pay the Same when at the Same Time the Retailor &c is allowed Ten pr cent a very Extraordinary Sum for Leakage waste &c which with three pr cent allowed the collector amounts to nearly thirteen pr cent out of the Duties intended to be raised by Said act as also a further allowance is to be made the Retailor &c for as much more as he Shall See cause to Swear that he may have lost by extraordinary leakage or other casualties

9thly there is no check upon the collectors accounts or anything to prove that the whole money he Shall collect is contained in the account he Shall exhibit to the Receiver General when by Former Excise acts, the Collector when he received any Duties was obliged

to give two Receipts of the Same Tenor & Date one of which was to be lodged with the Clerk of the Sessions & the Clerk was obliged to transmitt the Same or Copies thereof to the Treasurer in order to compare with the accounts of the Collector

lastly The Said act is attended with many Difficulties & has a Direct Tendency to Embarras & obstruct Trade and it is the opinion of this Town if continued will create great uneasiness among the good people of this commonwealth and not answer the Designs of Government in passing the Same the Town Clerk is therefore hereby directed to furnish Samuel Curtis Esqr. our Representative with a copy of our Vote of the 21st. Instant & the foregoing Reasons and the Said Samuel Curtis is Directed to use his Endeavours not only to cause Said act to be repealed but to prevent in future any Excise or Dutys being laid upon the necessarys of Life

Voted that M^r. Thomas be Desired to Print the foregoing proceding in his Next paper

Voted that this meeting be dissolved & it was dissolved accordingly .A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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The Petition of Josiah Peirce & Others for a Town meeting 21st. of January 1782

To the Gent^r. Select men of the Town of Worcester

The Petition of the Subscribers Freeholders and Inhabitants of Said Town Sheweth

That your Petitioners are much Dissatisfied with a late act of the Great & General Court of this Commonwealth Laying a Duty on Spirituous Liquers, Teas, Wheel carriages &c We think that Such a mode of Raising money for the Support of government, is a Grievance that ought to be Redresed Immediately We therefore pray that you would Grant a Warrant for calling a Town meeting as Soon as may be, that the Sense of the Said Town may be had, and the Representative of this Town instructed Touching the

premises, or that the Town may act & do anything Relative thereto as they may think proper. Your Compliance will Greatly oblige your humble Servt[s].

Josiah Peirce	Joseph Ball	John Fisk
Robert Smith	Samuel Whitney	Elisha Smith
David Bigelow	Josiah Flagg	Josiah Knight
Ebenezar Willington	Silas Harrington	John Curtis
James Barber	Isaac Gleason	Israel Jenison
Daniel Harris	Jont. Flagg	Saml. Jenison
Nathanl Brooks	Phineas Gleason	Willm Taylor
Josiah Harrington	Elijah Flagg	Joseph Hastings
Nathanl Robbins	James Fisk	Saml. Gates
Jonathan Gleazen	Ebenr. Willington Jur.	Ruben Gray
Thomas Knight	David Chadwick	Jonathan Rice
Thomas Nichols	Daniel Willington	Levi Holton
Thomas Nichols Jur.	Daniel Beard	Benja. Stowell
Robert Gray	Nathaniel Moore	Eli Chapen
David Moore	Leml Rice	Peter Buck [Jur
Solomon Johnson	Elijah Harrington	Joshua Harrington
Ephraime Mower	James Mc.farland	Joel How
Phineas Jones	Saml. Sturtevant	Willm Mahan
Jonathan Gales	Willm. Johnson	Charles Stearns
Samuel Wiswell	Nathan Baldwin	Moses Miller
Ephraime Miller	John Chamberline	

At a Town meeting held at the Publick meeting house in Worcester on monday the 4th. Day of march, A. D, 1782, after Legal warning For the Choice of Town officers &c and to transact other business agreeable to the Several articles contained in the Warrant for Said meeting

at Said meeting Joseph Allen Esq[r]. was Chosen Moderator

Samuel Miller Nathan Perry William Mc.farland Samuel Brown John Gleason Selectmen and overseers of the Poor

Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

Nathan Perry Town Treasurer

Ebenezer Lovel Ephraime Miller John Chamberline assessors

Nathan Heard Samuel Bridge Wardens

Voted for a County Treasurer

Voted that this meeting be adjourned For one our then to meet at this Place

Met according to the above adjournment

Voted that M^r^. Nathan Patch be Collector of Taxes the Current year which Service he has agreed to do for two pence on the Pound & give two Sufficient Sureties to the Selectmen For the Faithfull Performance thereof

Chose Nathan Patch Charles Stearns Constables

Joseph Allen Esqr. Nathan Baldwin Isaiah Thomas Committee of Correspondence & Safty

Nathan Heard Sealer of Leather

Capt. Joshua Whitney Samuel Bridge Clerk of the market

John Tatman Joseph Ball Ephraime Mower Joshua Whitney David Bigelow James Macfarland David Moor Nathan Patch Daniel Beard Thadeas Chamberline Robert Smith Josiah Harrington Highway Surveyors & Collectors of highway Taxes

James Moor John Goodwin Tythingmen

Samuel Whitney Daniel Beard Fence Viewers

Nathaniel Robbins Thomas Knight Field Drivers

Nathaniel Robbins Samuel Jenison Deer Reeves

John Warren Isaac Knight Joshua Whitney John Goodwin Daniel Chadick Simeon Duncan Noah Jones Thomas Rice Ju^r^. Samuel Gates 2^d^. Peter Buck Hog Reeves

Voted that the Sum of two hundred pounds be granted Levied and assessed upon the Poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town to be appropriated to keep the publick & Town Roads in Repair

Voted that the Inhabitants have Liberty of Working out their highway Tax afores^d^. at the Price of Six Shillings p^r^. Day of a man & three Shillings For a yoke of oxen & 1/6 pr. Day of a Cart & Voted the price of a Plow p^r^. Day be Left Discresionary with the Surveyors

Voted that Such of the Inhabitants as worked out more than his or their Tax the Last year be allowed for the Same out of this

out of the present yea[r]s Tax he or they producing a certificate thereof and those that have not worked out their former Tax have Liberty to work out the Same

Voted that the Road mentioned in the Tenth article in the Warrant for this meeting Laid out through William Jenison Stearns land be Discontinued

Voted that the Sum of one hundred pounds be Raised & assessed upon the Poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town for the purpose of Supplying the Town with Schooling the Current year

Voted that the School be Kept in the Same way & manner it was the Last year

Chose Joseph Allen Esqr. Levi Holton Ritchard Pratt Thomas Wheler Phineas Heywood John Barnard Nathaniel Robbins Capt. Micah Johnston Moses Miller David Bigelow Committee to provide Schooling

Chose Samuel Fullerton & David Bigelow Surveyors of Boards & Shingles

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to monday the Eleventh Day of this Instant march at one OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding

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at a Town meeting held at the publick meeting house in Worcester march 11th. A, D, 1782 by adjournment from the 4th of the Same march

Chose Timothy Paine Esqr. Joseph Allen Esqr., & Joshua Bigelow Esqr., a Committee to Settle accounts with the Town Treasurer

Voted that the Swine go at Large the Currant year being Yoked & Ringed according to Law

Voted that the Select men be Directed to Repair the upper part of the meeting house & provide a Roap for the Bell & Lay their accounts before the Town for allowance

Voted to allow the following accounts Viz

to Deacon Saml. Miller for Boarding Polley Curtis & Sundrys	3	11	6
to John Goodwin for mending the meeting house Bell	0	7	0
to Nathan Perry for Boarding Katharine Curtis & Sundrys	1	18	6
to John Gleason for String Peaces for a Bridge	0	10	0
Tottal	£6	7	0

Voted to Excuse John Goodwin From Serving [as] Tythingman the ensueing year then Chose M^r^. Joseph Ball in his Room

Voted to Excuse M^r^. W^m^. Macfarland From Serving as Select man the ensueing year then Chose Capt. Samuel Brooks Select man in his Room

Voted to Choose a Committee to examine the assessors account & make Report at may meeting then Chose Timothy Paine Esqr. Joseph Allen Esqr. & M^r^. Nathan Perry for Said Committee

Voted that Joseph Wheler Esqr. be added to the Committee Chose Some Time past this Vote being Recorded in this meeting is a mistake it belongs to the other meeting this Day

attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

Voted to Choose a Committee to Preamble the School Land Lying Near M^r^. Othanal Taylors & See what Trespasses have been Committed & make Report to the Town Whether it is Best For the Town to have Said Land Sold Chose m^r^. Thomas Wheler, Deacon Jacob Chamberline, Capt. John Curtis, Capt. Israel Jinison, M^r^. John Gleason, Robert Smith, & William Young Esqr. a Committee for Said Purpose

Voted that this meeting be dissolved and it was accordingly dissolved A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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at a Town meeting held at the publick meeting house in Worcester on monday march 11th. 1782 after Legal warning to act on the Several articles Contained in the warrant for Said meeting

First Chose Joseph Allen Esqr. Moderator

Voted that the center School District keep their School in one or more Place as they Shall Jud[g]e proper

Voted that the third article[1] be passed over

Voted that M[r]. William Stearns & M[r]. David Bigelow be a Committee to apear at the Next Superior Court to be holden in Worcester in behalf of this Town in Regard of a Summons Sent to them by the Town of Shrewsbury[2]

Voted that Joseph Wheler Esq[r]. be aded to the above Committee

Voted that the Select men be a Committee to pursue the recovery of the Bond or the Value thereof given by M[r]. David Bigelow to the Select men for the Time being them or their Successors for parte of the money arising From the Sale of ministerial & School Lands in the best way & manner they Can & to employ Council learned in the law to assist them therein at the Expence of the Town

Voted that the Select men be Directed to Pay the Re[v]. M[r]. Maccarty the intrest money mentioned in the Sixth article in the warrant for this meeting

Voted that this meeting be dissolved & it was dissolved accordingly a True entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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march 5th. 1782 M[r]. Daniel Goulding Clerk For the Town of Worcester for the year 1782 I hereby Certify you that M[r]. James Mcfarland hath been Sworn to the faithfull discharge of the offices of Surveyor of highways & Collector of highway Taxes within the Town of Worcester for the Currant year

before me W[m]. Young Justice piece

A true Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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[1] Report of committee to settle with the town treasurer.

[2] Relating to the case of Reuben Hoyt.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified as the Constitution or frame of Government Directs in the Choice of a Governor &c Legally warned & assembled at the publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the First Day of April in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty two

The Following Persons were Voted for as Governor of this Commonwealth & had the Number of Votes Expressed against their respective Names

Hon^{r}. John Hancock	29	Hon Thomas Cushing	5
Hon James Bodwain	14	Saml. Bridge	1

The Following Persons were Voted for as Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth & had the Number of Votes Expressed against their respective Names Viz

Hon Thomas Cushing	39	Saml. Curtis Esqr.	1
Hon Artimas Ward	1	Saml. Bridge	1

The Following Persons were Voted for as Senators & Councellors & had the Number of Votes Expressed against their respective Names Viz

Israel Nichols Esqr.	4	Hon Joseph Dorr Esqr	29
Saml. Curtis Esqr.	7	Hon Artimas Ward Esqr	23
Joseph Allen Esqr.	5	Jonathan Warner Esqr.	17
M^{r}. John Sprague	5	Seth Washburn Esqr.	2
Hon Moses Gill Esqr.	23	Eben^{r}. Crafts Esqr.	1
Hon Saml. Baker Esqr.	29	Ephraime Doolittle Esqr.	1
Thomas Leget Esqr.	1	Jacob Davis Esqr.	1
		Jonathan Grout Esqr.	1

It was then Voted that this meeting be dissolved & it was Dissolved accordingly

A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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at a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs & for the Choice of Representatives

Respectively legally warned & assembled at the Publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the thirteenth Day of may in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty two

The Question being Put to know the minds of the Town whether they would send a Representative or Representatives or Not and it passed in the Negative

Voted that the meeting For Choosing a Representative or Representatives be adjourned to Next Satterday at two OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place & it was accordingly

Chose M^r^. David Bigelow Moderator for to Transact the other Business

Voted that the Sum of one hundred Pounds be Granted Raised and assesed on the Poll & Estates in this Town For the Rev^nd^. M^r^. Maccartys Salery the Current year

Voted that the Committee Chose to Preambelate the School Land be Desired to proced & make Report at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted not to pay the Delegates that this Town Chooses to meet in Convention according to the Sixth article in the Warrant for this meeting

Voted to Choose three Delegates to meet in Convention according the Sixth article in the Warrant For this meeting then Chose M^r^. David Bigelow Lieu^t^. Josiah Pierce & Capt. Joshua Whitney For Said purpose

Voted not to act on the Seventh article[1] in the Warrant for this meeting

Voted this meeting be adjourned to monday the Twenty Seventh Day of this Instant may at three OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

To the Select men of the Town of Worcester Gentlemen We the Subscribers Inhabitants of Said Town Request you to insert an

[1] To choose a committee to settle the line between Worcester and Holden.

article in your next Warrant for calling a Town meeting to See if the Town will Chuse one or more Persons to Joine in a County Convention to be held at Worcester on the Second Tuesday of may Instant to Take under Consideration Sum matters of grevance that we think we Labour under your Compliance with the above request will oblidge your Humble Servents

	Joel How	Joshua Bigelow	
Worcester may 2d. 1782	John Curtis	Israil Jenison	[Jur.
	Robert Crawford	Ebenezar Willington	
	John Fisk	David Bigelow	
	David Chadick	Thomas Knight	
	Joshua Whitney		

At a Publick meeting of the Freeholders & Others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Duly warned and assembled and Qualified to Vote for a Representative & to Vote in Town affairs held at the publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the Thirteenth Day of may A, D, 1782 and Continued by adjournment to Saterday the Eighteenth Day of the Same may at two OClock in the afternoon & then met

a motion was made and Seconded to See if the Town would reconsider the Vote Passed the Thirteenth of this Instant may in Regard of Sending a Representative & it passed in the affirmative

Voted to Choose one Representative For the ensueing year Then Chose Samuel Curtis Esqr. To represent the Town agreeable to the article in the Warrant For this meeting

The Votes for Representative were For Samuel Curtis Esqr. 53 For Levi Lincoln 13 For M^{r}. David Bigelow 20 For William Young Esqr. 4

Voted that this meeting be dissolved & it was accordingly dissolved a True Entry attest Daniel Goulding T Clerk

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To M^{r}. Daniel Goulding Town Clerk of Worcester

I hereby certify that James Moore Came before me and was Sworn to the Faithfull discharge of the office of Tything man in the Town of Worcester For the year Curant

att Wm Young Jus^{t}. Peice a True Entry Daniel Goulding T C

To the Select men of the Town of Worcester Gen^{t}.men we the Subscribers the Inhabitants of S^{d}. Town Request you to call a Town meeting as Soon as may be to See if the Town will Instruct their Representative to use his influence in the General Court to obtain a Redress of Greavances which we think we Labour under Your Compliance with the above Request will oblige your Humble Servents Eben Lovell, David Moore, asa Moore, Robert Smith, Joseph Barber, Nathl. Harrington, Nathl. Brooks, Ephr^{m}. Miller, Moses Miller, John Mower,

Worcester may 18th. 1782

To the Gentlemen Select men of Worcester We your petitioners request that you would insert an article in your next warrant for a Town meeting that will take up and Derect us in the Next Town meeting relative to our being Cited to Court the Second Tuesday of June Next by the Hon^{l}. Judge Lincoln for over Taxing him in the Last years Taxes your Hum^{le}. Ser^{t}.

Worcester May 18th. 1782 — Eben^{r}. Lovell, Ephraim Miller, John Chamberlin } assessors of Worcester

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At a meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, Qualified to Vote in Town affairs Legally warned and assembled at the publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the Twenty Seventh Day of may A. D, 1782 The Following Votes were Passed Viz.

First Chose Lieu^{t}. Nathan Perry Moderator

Voted to give instructions to their Representative & to Choose a Committee of three Persons For Said Purpose then Chose William Young Esqr., M^{r}. David Bigelow, & Leu^{t}. Josiah Pierce For Said Committee

Voted that the assessors Defend their Cause in Regard of their being Cited to appear at Court for over Taxing the Hon^{l}. Judge Lincoln in the last years Taxes, and that they Defend the Same at Cost of the Town

Voted that the Select men be Disired to Procure Some Person or Persons to take Care of the meeting house & Ring the Bell

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the third Day of June Next at Four OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A true Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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at a meeting of the Freeholders & Others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs legally warned & assembled at the publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the Thirteenth day of may A, D, 1782 and Continued by adjournment to this Twenty Seventh Day of the Same may & then met then the Following Votes were Passed Viz

Voted that the Committee Chose to Pramble the School Land be Desired to Proced and ascertain the Bounds & Number of acers and make a Formal Report to the Town

Voted that if the Intrest money arrising From the Sale of the ministerial & School Lands is not paid up that the Select men Sue for Principle & Intrest

Voted that the Select men examine into M^r^. Willm. Dawes accounts & make Report to the Town

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the Third Day of June Next at Five OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

a True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, Qualified to Vote in Town affairs legally warned & assembled at the publick meeting house in said Town on monday the 27th Day of may; A, D, 1782 & Continued by adjournment to this Third Day of June Following at Four OClock in the afternoon & then met then the Following Votes were Passed Viz

Voted to accept of the First Third Fourth & Fifth articles in the Instructions for their Representative

Voted that the instructions be Recommitted to the Committee & that they ad Some Further Greavences & Lay them before the Town

Voted that this meeting be Further adjourned to Saterday the 8th. Day of this Instant June at three OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

a True Entry attest Daniel Goulding T. C.

At a meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs legally warned & assembled at the Publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the thirteenth Day of may. A, D, 1782 & Continued by adjournment From time to Time to this Third Day of June Following at Four OClock in the afternoon & then meet

Then Voted that this meeting be Further adjourned to Saterday the 8th Day of this Instant June at Four OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place, & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

a True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs legally warned & assembled at the Publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the 27th. Day of may A, D, 1782 & Continued by adjournments to this 8th Day of June Following & then met then the Following Votes were Passed Viz

Voted that Mr. Thomas assist the Committee in altering Some of the articles in the instructions

Voted to accept of the Following instructions as is here Recorded & that a Coppy be Delivered to Samuel Curtis Esqr.

Worcester June 8th. A, D, 1782

To Samuel Curtis Esqr.

Sir we Reposing Special Trust and Confidence in your Patriotism, Conduct and fidelity have Elected you to Represent us in the Great and General Court the Present year notwithstanding our Reliance on your Wisdom and integrity, think it necessary to instruct you Relative to some Particular maters of Grevance which we think we labour under–Viz

1st. that the Receaver General of this Extensive Commonwealth Should be a Justice of the pleas in the county of middlesex by which he is Rendered unable to attend his office as treasurer of the Commonwealth during the Time he attends the Courts in Said County by which many persons have been and others no dout will be put to Considerable expence besides loss of Time and Dissapointment who have busness with him as Treasurer

2ly as there is a Recomendation of Congress that Such Officers as have been Deranged and not in actual Service have half pay during life if Said Recommendation has or Should take Place we look upon it as a great Greivance

3dly That the members of the General Court when acting as Committees of the Same have large wages over and above their pay as Representatives is a Greivance which we think we Justly Complain of

4thly That Representatives having Nine Shillings pr. Day Considering the Scarcity of money and the difficulty of obtaining thereof being allmost Double what they formerly had when money was much Plentier and Easier to be had we think a Greivance

[1]That there has not been a Settlement with the Treasurer of this Commonwealth & Publick boards Commissaries Commissioners and indeveduals who have been intrusted with the expenditure of our publick moneys which if Done and an account made out by the Honorable General Court and Transmitted to the Several

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[1] Marginal note: "This article not to have been Recorded as Parte of the instructions."

Towns in this Commonwealth annually giving a Just account of the State of the Treasury would greatly Eas the minds of many of your Constituants

5thly We think it a great greevance that there has not been a general Settlement with the Treasurer of this Commonwealth and with all Others who have been intrusted with the expenditure of publick monies and have not accounted for the Same

6thly We think it a grievance that the State of the Treasury is not known to the inhabitants of this Commonwealth and would have you use your influence that in future the General Court transmit to every Town annually an account of the expenditure of all publick moneys

7thly as the Siting of the General Court in the Town of Boston is attended with many inconveniances we think Said Courts Siting in Said Town a Grievance

8thly that the Sitting of the Court of Common pleas and General Sesions of the Peice at the Same time much interfear with each Other by which means the County is put to the coast of paying many Justices many Days when much less Time would answer the purpose as well

9thly It has been Represented that there has been large Grants of land made to alexander Shepherd and Others laying in the old Province of main [that] there has not been a more Strict inquiry made whether their Claims does not far exceed their origional grants is Complained of

These Sir are our Sentiments as maters of Grievance which we instruct you to use your utmost exersions to Guard against and obtain Redress as becomes an Indevedual member of the General assembly

Voted that this meeting be dissolved & it was accordingly Dissolved a True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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at a Town meeting held at the Publick meeting house in Worcester on monday the Thirteenth Day of may. A. D. and Contin-

ued by adjournment From Time to Time to this Eighth Day of June following & Then met

Voted that this meeting be Dissolved & it was accordingly dissolved a True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, Qualified to Vote in Town affairs legally warned and assembled at the publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the Nineteenth Day of august, A, D, 1782 The Following Votes were Passed Viz.

Lieu[t]. Nathan Perry Chosen Moderator

The Question being put to know the minds of the Town whether they would Comply with a Late Requisition From the General Court Respecting the Collecting the Late Continental Tax & it passed in the Negative

Voted that this Town will exert themselves & pay their Late Continental Tax to their Collector as Soon as posable

Voted that this meeting be Dissolved & it was accordingly Dissolved a True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs legally warned & assembled at the publick meeting house in said Town on monday the 18th Day of November A, D, 1782

Joseph Allen Esq[r]. was Chosen Moderator

Voted to Choose a Committee to Consist of two Persons to assist the Committee Chose to Settle with the Town Treasurer then Chose Timothy Paine & Samuel Curtis Esq[rs]. for Said purpose

Voted that the third article in the Warrant be posponed till march meeting

Voted that the plan of Wigwam hill that the Committee have drawed be Recorded in the Town Book

[SEE NEXT PAGE FOR PLAN.]

Ministerial Land
E 80 R
30
57 acres
30 Pr inch
N 12 E 48 R
Taylors land
62
Pond
30
Chestnut Tree
29
E 46 R
acr. par.
4. 20
E 25
20 R
Pine E 30
Stump
Curtis Corner

Voted that the Quarter of the Town Called Stowells Quarter be allowed their School money which was not Expended the last year

the Question being put to See if the Town would allow Esqr. Bigelows account it Passed in the Negative

Voted to allow the Following accounts Viz

To Colo Ebenr. Lovell & Capt. Joshua Whitney for procuring & Delivering the Town Quota of Beef Ten day each at 6/ per Day	£6 0 0
To John Gleason for Boarding Katharine Curtis & Sundrys	2 9 2
	£8 9 2

Voted to Choose a Committee to Consider the Debts brought against the Town at this meeting Then Chose Joseph Allen Esqr. M^{r}. David Bigelow & Samuel Curtis Esqr. a Committee for Said purpose

Voted this meeting be adjourned to monday the Twenty fifth day of this Instant November at two OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

a True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun & held at the publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the Eighteenth Day of November A, D, 1782 and Continued by adjournment to monday the Twenty Fifth Day of the Same November at two OClock in the afternoon & then met The Following Votes were Passed Viz

Voted that a Further Consideration of the accounts now exhibitted against the Town lye till march next

Voted that the grants that have heretofore been made [be] assessed upon the polls & Estates in this Town

Voted that their be the Sum of Nine pounds Raised & assessed upon the polls & Estates in this Town for the Purpose of making good the intrest money to M^{r}. Maccarty arising From the Sale of the ministerial Lands

Voted that the Select men be a Committee to Defend any Suit that is brought against this Town in the Best way & manner they can & to employ Councel Learned in the law if need be

Voted that this meeting be Dissolved & it was accordingly Dissolved a True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to Vote in Town affairs, legally warned & assembled at the public Meeting house in Said Town, on Monday the Third Day of March A D. 1783, to act on the Several articles mentioned in the foregoing Warrant

Joseph Allen Esqr. was chosen Moderator

M^{r}. Nathan Perry Joseph Allen Esqr Joseph Wheeler Esqr, M^{r}. Saml. Brown M^{r}. David Bigelow Select men

William Greenough Maccarty Town Clerk

Lieu^{t}. Nathan Perry Town Treasurer

Col Eben. Lovell Mr Ephraim Miller Lieut. Phinehas Jones Assessors

M^{r}. Ephraim Mower Mr Nathaniel Robbins Wardens

Joseph Allen Esqr. Joseph Wheeler Esqr Mr Isaiah Thomas Committee of Correspondence & Safety

Voted to Choose one Collector of Taxes the Current Year

Voted that the person that will undertake to collect the taxes the currant year the cheapest and give Sufficient Bonds, be the Collector

Voted That Mr Saml Whitney have 'till the adjournment of this meeting to procure Bondsmen as Collector

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to monday the tenth Day of this Ins^{t}, March, at 10 °Clock in the forenoon, then to meet at this place And Adjourned accordingly

Attest William G^{h}. Maccarty Town Cler

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to Vote in Town afiairs, begun and

held at the public Meeting house in Said Town, on Monday the Third Day of March A D. 1783, and Continued by adjournment to Monday the tenth Day of the Same March at 10 "Clock A. M. & then met

The following Officers were chosen & Votes past Viz^{t}.

M^{r}. Nathan Heard Sealer of Leather

M^{r}. Phinehas Haywood Capt. Saml. Brooks M^{r}. Charles Chandler Capt. Joshua Whitney William Knight James McFarland Junr. William Young Esqr. Francis Harrington M^{r}. Nathaniel Moore Thaddeus Chamberlain Joseph Barber Jesse Taft Phinehas Jones Surveyors and Collectors of highway Taxes

Voted That those [who] were difficient in working out their highway taxes for the year 1782, be allowed to work them out on or before the last Day of June 1783

Voted That the Sum of £200 be granted levied & assessed upon Poles and Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town to be appropriated to Keep the Public and Town Roads in repair

Voted That the Inhabitants have liberty of working out their highway Tax afores^{d} at the price of Six Shillings ℔ Day for a man, Three Shillings for a Yoke of oxen & 1/6 for a Cart & that the price of a Plow ℔ Day be left discretionary with the Surveyors

Samuel Brazier Josiah Harrington Tything Men

M^{r}. Daniel Baird M^{r}. Samuel Bridge Fence Viewers

M^{r}. Benjamin Whitney J^{r}. M^{r}. Josiah Perry Field Drivers

M^{r}. Joseph Barber M^{r}. William Taylor Deer Reeves

M^{r}. David Bigelow M^{r}. Solomon Bigsby Surveyors of Boards & Shingles

M^{r}. William Johnson 2^{d} M^{r}. Jonathan Nash M^{r}. Moses Perry M^{r}. Nathaniel Flagg M^{r}. David Willington M^{r}. Joseph Hastings M^{r}. John Elder M^{r}. Stephen Dexter M^{r}. Samuel Mahan M^{r}. John Knower Hogg Reeves

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned for half an hour Then to meet at this place

Met according to Adjournment

Voted that £100 be granted levied & Assessed for Supplying the Schools for the current year

Voted That each School Division, receive of the monies granted for Supporting the Schools, according to the proportions they paid of the last years Tax

Voted That the Persons that Shall hereafter be chosen to provide Schooling, be a Committee to proportion the monies agreeable to the last Resolve The Committee then chosen were—Timothy Paine Esqr M^{r}. Jesse Taft Mr Danl Beard Col^{l} Benjn Flagg Mr John Gleason Mr Phineas Jones Capt. Saml. Brooks John Moore 1st William McFarland Capt. Nathl. Brooks

Voted that a Committee of three be chosen to settle any difficultys that may arise in any of the School Divisions—and to report at the next town meeting

Voted & chose Lt Phinehas Jones Capt Nathl Brooks Mr Nathan Perry Committee chosen for Said purpose

Voted to choose a Committee of three to Settle with the Town Treasurer—Then chose, Timothy Paine Esqr. Joseph Allen Esqr. & Col^{l} Ebenezer Lovell

Voted That M^{r}. Samuel Whitney be excused from Serving as Collector of Taxes for the current year

Voted that M^{r}. Daniel Goulding be Collector of Taxes for the current year, he giving Sufficient Security for the faithfull performance of his trust, and that he be allow'd two pence half penny ℔ pound for Collecting

M^{r}. Abel Haywood M^{r}. John Nazro Constables

Voted That the Swine, being Yoked & Ringed go at large

Voted, That the Selectmens Report relative to the monies arising from the Sale of the Ministerial & School Lands be accepted

The Report is as follows

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Worcester for the year 1782 beg leave to Report respecting the money arising from the Sale of ministerial and School Lands is as follows viz—

In the hands of

Palmer Goulding	£46 13 4	Intert paid to Nov. 1. 1782
Stephen Dexter	33 6 8	Intt paid to Novr. 1. 1782
John Taylor	42 3 4	Intr. due Novr. 1. 1782 £3 7 7½
Ezekiel How	20 0 0	four years Intr. due Nov. 1 1782
Phinehas Ward	22 15 0	Intr paid to Novr. 1. 1782
Saml McCrakin	80 0 0	three years due Novr. 1 1782
Nehemiah Hinds &c	50 0 0	three years due July. 17. 1782

School Money in the hands of David Baldwin £83 6 8
two years due March 29. 1782
David Bigelow £35 16 8
In the hands of the Town 35 17 10
five years Intt. due and likewise £8 4 4 in the hands of the Selectmen for the year 1780 not accounted for

The Interest Rec[d] is paid to the Rev[d]. M[r]. Maccarty

Worcester March 3. 1783

Sam[l]. Miller
Nathan Perry
Sam[l]. Brooks
Sam[l]. Brown
John Gleason
} Selectmen of Worcester

Voted for a County Treasurer

Voted to accept of the Road as laid out by the Selectmen agreeable to the 10th Article, provided that no cost arise to the Town—The Report of the Selectmen is as follows—

Worcester February 15th. 1783—At the Request of Mess[rs]. asa Ward & Simon Gates that we would lay a road to accomodate them, we have laid a Road two rods wide beginning at the Country Road leading from Worcester to Leicester, at a Stakes & Stones, thence to a white Oak Tree Mark'd, thence to another small white Oak Tree, thence to a large white Oak Tree, thence to a large Chesnut Tree thence to the Fence near the Dwelling house of the heirs of the late Simon Gates Deceas'd The above Road to be on the Easterly Side of Said marks—The above Road goes thro' the Land of Said Ward & Gates respectively Nathan Perry Sam[l]. Miller Sam[l] Brooks Selectmen of Worcester

Voted to accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen lying Easterly of John Stearns's Land, mentioned in the 10th Article, provided that no Expence accrue to the Town

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to One OClock P. m. on the first Monday in April next, then to meet at this place

It was Accordingly Adjourned—A true Entry .

Attest. William. Gh. Maccarty Town Clerk

At a legal town meeting Continued by adjournment from March the Third to April 7th & then met

Voted to accept the Report of [the] Committee appointed to divide the School Money, which Report is as follows—

The Committee appointed by the Town of Worcester at the annual meeting in march 1783, to provide Schooling for the ensueing year, and to appropriate the Sum of One hundred Pounds then granted for that purpose, to be expended in the Several School Divisions in Said Town, Report that they have attended that Service, and apportioned Sum according to the Vote of the Town as follows. vizt

	£	s	d
To Timothy Paine Esqr	32	1	2
Capt Saml. Brooks	10	0	5
Mr John Moore	6	16	6¼
Capt. Nathl Brooks	7	2	3¼
Lt. Phinehas Jones	9	13	3
Mr. Daniel Baird	8	14	1
Col. Benjamin Flagg	7	14	3
Lt. Willm McFarland	7	8	3
Mr. Jesse Taft	6	3	4
Lt. John Gleason	4	6	5½
	£100	0	0

All which is humbly Submitted To The Town

Timothy Paine ℔ order

Voted to allow the following accompts viz

To Capt. Micah Johnson	£0 17 0
Mr James Quigly	13 13 0
Mr William Dawes	13 4 2
Messrs. Eben. Lovell. Ephraim Miller and John Chamberlain Assessors	10 5 4
To Do on another accompt	18 3 0
Mr Samuel Eaton	15 12 0
Capt Samuel Brooks	15 11
Dn Samuel Miller	3 14 0
Mr Jedediah Healy	12 0

Voted That the accompt of Jonathan Park against William Tracy & exhibited to the town of Worcester for payment be dismissed

Voted that the Selectmen be derected to converse with William Tracy upon the subject of Sundry acc^{ts} from Doct^{r} Rand &c which are exhibited to the town of Worcester for payment

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee upon an accompt of Doctor John Campbell, for attending John Wait late of this Town Deceas^{d}—The Report is as follows

The Committee to Examine this accompt report, that in their opinion it would be expedient for the Selectmen to represent the affair of charge to the Selectmen of Framingham, Said Town being chargeable with the Support of the Said John Wait & his Wife

J Allen ℔ order

Voted That a Sum of Money be assessed upon the Poles and Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town, equal to the accompts now allowed or that have heretofore been allowed, & not yet assessed

Voted That the town will dispose of the two hind Seats, on both the Mens and Womens Sides, on the Floor of the Meeting house

Voted that the Said Seats be Divided into four Lots

Voted that the Town will build four Pews where the Seats aforementioned now are

Voted that Timothy Paine Esqr. Joseph Allen Esq. & Joseph Wheeler Esq be a Committee to build said Pews—also Voted that when said Pews are built They shall be disposed of at Public Vandue, at a legal Town Meeting called for That purpose, to the

highest bidder, and the monies arising therefrom to be put upon Interest, which is to be appropriated towards Supplying the difficiency of the Ministerial money so called arising by depreciation; and the Surplus if any there be, to be disposed of as this Town shall think proper

Upon Motion made by Mr John Gleason—Voted that John Totman Josiah Perry & the Farm whereon Samuel Clark now lives, be annexed to Saml Curtis's Quarter so called, & that Samuel Mower Junr. be annexed to Col. Ebenezer Lovell's quarter so called, & that said persons respectively be Entitled to the Same advantages as tho' they had heretofore belonged to those quarters to which They are now annexed

Voted That this Meeting be Dissolved, & it was accordingly Dissolved A true Entry Attest William G^h^. Maccarty Town Cler

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At a Meeting of the Free holders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified as the Constitution or frame of Government directs in the Choice of a Governor &c, legally warned & assembled at the Public Meeting house in Said Town on Monday the 7th day of April in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty three, The following persons were Voted for as Governor of this Commonwealth and had the number of Votes expressed against their respective Names

His Excellency John Hancock Esqr. 49–Honble James Bodwoin Esqr. 8

The following Persons were voted for as Lieut. Governor, and had The number of votes expresed against their respective Names

Honble Thomas Cushing Esqr 35 Honble James Warren Esqr 4

The following Persons Voted for as Senators & Councellors and had the number of Votes expressed against their respective Names Viz

Honble. Moses Gill Esqr.	19	Hon Levi Lincoln Esq	12
Hon Saml Baker Esq	29	Henry Bromfield Esq	14
Hon Israel Nichols Esq	11	Seth Reed Esq	2

Hon Jonathan Warner Esq	21	Hon Artemas Ward Esq	2
Hon John Sprague Esq	15	Daniel Clap Esq	1
Hon Timothy Paine Esq	7	Ebenezer Crafts Esqr	1
Samuel Curtis Esq	10		

Voted That this Meeting be Dissolved, & it was accordingly dissolved

A true Entry Att^{t} William. G^{h} Maccarty Town Cler

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester legally warned & assembled at the publick meeting house in said Town on monday the Seventh Day of April at three oClock in the afternoon in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty three.

Joseph Allen Esqr. was chosen Moderator

Voted that the Second article[1] be referred to May meeting

Voted that the third article[2] be dismissed

Whereas a number of persons have manifested a disposition to set out trees for shades near the Meeting house & elsewhere about the Center of this Town, & the Town being desirous of encouraging Such a measure which will be beneficial as well as ornamental

Therefore Voted, that any person being an Inhabitant of this town, who shall injure or destroy such trees so set out, shall pay a fine not exceeding twenty shillings for every offence, to be disposed of to the use of the poor of the town

Voted That the Selectmen be a Committee to lay the foregoing Vote before the Court of General Sessions of the peace for this County to be by Said Court approved & established

Voted that M^{r}. Ephraim Mower, Mr Daniel Goulding & Mr John Stanton be & they are hereby appointed to make complaint of any breaches of the Vote aforesaid

Voted The Selectmen direct Mr Joseph Barber to work out

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[1] To receive a list of jurors.

[2] To see if the town would divide the center school district.

the highway tax committed to him or such part as may be necessary towards fencing the road leading thro' John Heath's Farm so called

Voted That the Selectmen provide for Simon,[1] once a Servant of Capt Sam[l]. Brooks, till it can be enquired whose business it is to Support him, which enquiry the Selectmen are desired to make

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved—& it was accordingly dissolved

A true Entry Attest William G[h]. Maccarty Town Cler

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to Vote for Representatives, legally warned & assembled, at the Meeting house in Said Town on monday the 12th Day of may A D 1783

Upon a motion being made & Seconded, & the question put, whether the Town will choose a Representative to represent this Town the current year, it passed in the affirmative—The Town then made choice of Samuel Curtis Esq. for their Representative.

At the same time & place the Inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs, being legally warned & assembled Joseph Allen Esq[r]. was chosen Moderator—& the following votes passed

Voted that One hundred Pounds be Granted, levied & assessed upon the Poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of this town, for the Rev[d]. Thaddeus Maccartys Salary for the current year

Voted to accept the Report of the Towns Committees mentioned in the Third articles—which Reports are as follows

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Town Treasurer, beg leave to report, that they have proceeded so far as to Settle the acc[t] of Said Treasurer, so far as respected his acc[t] with James M[c]Farland Collector for the year 1780—and find that Instead of the Towns owing Said M[c]Farland, according to a

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[1] "once a Negro Servant of Capt Samuel Brooks, & now in helpless & indigent Circumstances."

report of a former Committee The Said m^cFarland is indebted to the town, the Sum of Forty two Pounds two Shillings & two pence new Emission equal to twenty two pounds Nine Shillings & two pence, for which Sum the S^d m^cfarland has given his Note of hand to m^r Nathan Perry Town Treasurer payable on demand for the use of the Town all which is Submitted

Worcester Novr. 13, 1782 — Joseph Allen, Joshua Whitney, Nathl Brooks } Committee

The Committee appointed to examine the Town Treasurers accounts beg leave to report to the Town, that they have proceeded so far as to settle the account of the Treasurer with m^r. William Taylor a former Collector, & find that there is due from S^d Taylor to the Town the Sum of Eighty two Pounds Thirteen Shillings & four pence lawful Silver money for which Sum the Said Taylor has given his Note of hand to m^r. Nathan Perry the Town Treasurer or his Successors in Said office payable on demand with Interest till paid—all which is Submitted

Worcester Febr^y. 3. 1783 — Tim^o Paine, Joseph Allen, Nathl. Brooks } Committee

The account of Nathan Perry Town Treasurer with the Town of Worcester

The Said accountant Chargeth himself with what he received of James McFarland a former Collector upon the last settlement with him the sum of	£22	9	2
also with what he Recd. of William Taylor a former Collector upon Settlement	82	13	4
also a tax of £1664 10 3 new Emission equal to the sum of 887 14 10 Silver money committed to Nathan Patch in Febry 1781 to Collect	887	14	10
also with a Tax committed to Sd Patch to Collect 19 Sept 1781 amounting to the Sum of	1140	7	4
also with a Tax committed to Sd Patch to Collect Jany 21 1782 amounting to the Sum of	1114	12	2
also with a Tax committed to said Patch to Collect Jany 24 1783 amounting to the Sum of	210	14	10
Recd of Justice Ward a fine		5	4
Recd of Justice Child a fine		4	0
	£3459	1	0

and dischargeth himself by payment of the following sums p[d] by order from the Selectmen

Pd Cyrus French 10 1 8 pd John Drury 12 9 3	£23	7	3
Pd Philip Donihue 12 4 8 Sam. Eaton Jr 12 6 0	24	10	8
Pd John Curtis 7 9 6 pd David Gleason 15 17 9	23	7	3
Pd Saml Brooks 31 pd Robert Smith 33 17 11	64	17	11
Pd Nathl Brooks 3 4 5 pd Saml moore &c 6 15/	9	19	5
Pd Elisha Foster 12 7 11 pd Gardner Chandler & Scipio 20 4/	32	11	11
Pd Oth Taylor 72/ pd Jos Wheelock 12 3/	15	15	0
Pd Timo Paine 17 2/8 pd John Gleason 63/	20	5	8
Pd Bela Noyes 12 2/4 pd Wm Buxton 12 1/4	24	3	8
Pd Thos. Wheeler 22/ pd James Quigley 6	7	2	0
Pd Jno. Green 6 8/1 pd Do 4 6/8	8	14	9
Pd Nat. Brooks 23/5 pd Wm Johnson 41/7	3	5	0
Pd Jacob Chamberlain 7 3/3 pd Do 4 4/	11	7	3
Pd Nat. Moore 7 6 5¾ pd Jab. Bigelow 10 11 9	17	18	2¾
Pd Saml. Brooks 11 pd Revd mr. Maccarty 69 16 6	80	16	6
Pd Sam Brown 43 15 7 pd James Mcfarland 42 10/ 1	86	5	8
Pd Jos. Allen 52 6 4 pd Jacob Nash 11 1 8	63	8	0
Pd Richard Pratt 4 15 1 pd Do 4 9 10	9	4	11
	£527	1	0¾
Pd Jona. Gleason 33 13 2 pd James Mcfarland 8 2 6	41	15	8
Pd Saml Brooks 29 1/5 pd Do 18 6 2¼	47	7	7¼
Pd Saml Warren 12 18 5 pd James Ballard 8 2/	21	0	5
Pd John Fisk 10/ 8 pd Elijah Dix 32 5/ 7	32	16	3
Pd Martha Wiley 25 5/ pd Benja Flagg 9/	35	14	0
Pd David Thomas 25/ pd John Kelso 226 4/ 3	227	9	3
Pd John Mahan 12 8/ 4 pd Jams Fisk 56/	15	4	4
Pd David Chaddick 12/ 9½ pd Eben Lovell 61/ 7	3	14	4½
Pd Phinehas Jones 12 3 4 pd Jedediah Healy 41/ 5	14	4	9
Carried over & [ ]	956	7	8½
Pd asa Dutton 12 13 1 pd James Mcfarland 60/	15	13	1
Pd Jonathan Rice 46/ 8¼ pd Do 18 17/	21	3	8¼
Pd David Bigelow 11 18 11 pd Timo Paine 4 4/	16	2	11
Pd David Moore 11 4 8 pd Jos. Barber 29/ 2	12	13	10
Pd Eb Lovell 20 13 0½ pd Elias Stowell 18	38	13	0½
Pd William Young	62	14	8
	£1123	8	11¼
Ballance Due to the Town	£2335	12	0¾
	£3459	1	0

Errors Excepted ℔ Nathan Perry Treasurer

Worcester may 12. 1783 The Committee appointed by the Town to Settle acc^{ts}. with the Town Treasurer report that they have attended Said Service, and present the above account, which we find right cast, & well vouched, by which it appears, there is a Ballance due to the Town of £2335 12 0¾ which the said Treasurer is further to account for

all which is humbly Submitted

Timothy Paine
Joseph Allen

Voted to allow the following accompts—viz

Saml Millers acct.	£2 16 10
William Stearns Esqr for paying Scipio Chandler	2 2 0
To Do Do for his Services in the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in the case of Worcester vs Shrewsbury Relative to Reuben Hoit & others (poor)	2 14 0
To Do for paying Nathl Langdon for boarding the School master Mr Clark	4 15 0

Voted that the next apportionment of the Towns School money the Sum of £4, 15, 0 be deducted from the Center Divisions proportion, and be put to the credit of the other Divisions, in equal proportion to what they pay

Voted That M^{r}. William Taylor's list of Taxes, presented to the Town for abatement also, his request for an allowance for Counterfeit Paper money received by him for taxes, as Collector for the Town of Worcester, be referred to a Committee of five—viz. Tim^{o} Paine Esqr. Dr Elijah Dix. Col^{l} Tim^{o} Bigelow, Saml Brown & Jonathan Rice

Upon a motion made & Seconded, to see if the Town will take into consideration a Letter from the Committee of Correspondence &c of the Town of Boston, & the question being put it passed in the affirmative

Voted that a Committee of Seven be appointed to prepare an answer to the Letter Rec^{d} from the Committee of Correspondence of the Town of Boston & to prepare instructions for the Representative for this Town, & that they make report at the adjournment of this Meeting

Then chose Hon^{l} Levi Lincoln Esq. William Stearns Esqr. Jos. Allen Esqr., M^{r}. David Bigelow Mr Isaiah Thomas, Joseph Wheeler Esqr. & M^{r}. Jon^{a}. Rice Committee

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to monday next 3 o,Clock P m. It was accordingly adjourned

A true Entry Attest William. G. Maccarty Town Cler

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester at the publick meeting house in S^{d} Town, on monday the 12th. Day of may a. D. 1783. and cont. by adjournment to monday the 19th of the same may & then met

Upon a motion made & Seconded, & the question put Voted that the Report of the Committee, appointed at the opening of this meeting to prepare an answer to a Letter from the Committee of Correspondence &c of the Town of Boston, & to prepare Instructions for the Representative for this Town, be now read—

Voted, that the S^{d}. Report be read & acted on paragraph by paragraph

The Report being read & passed upon, agreeable to the last Resolve, & each & every paragraph being approv'd—It was moved & seconded to see if The Town approve & accept of the Report of their Committee, at large—it passed in the affirmative—The Report is as follows—

That this Town, with an equal & sacred regard to treaties of peace, and of *alliance;* to the Resolves of Congress, and the solemn acts of this Commonwealth, passed from time to time, for its preservation, safety & defence ; & especially, to those great & important principles of liberty and a free Government, for which they have been Struggling at the resque of their lives, will continue with spirit & firmness, their most vigorous efforts, to render glorious, & Secure from danger, interruption, or diminution, the ends of their past exertions,—*Peace*, Liberty, and *Happiness*

2dly. That this Town consider every Country, in times of invasion, as having equally a right, to the assistance, the personal services, & the property of all its subjects, in opposing the assailants–

That this Country more than eight years since, was invaded, & has been scourged by a War, which for the purpose of reducing it to the servile subjection of foreign domination, has been, by sea & by land, wasting, & by every species of barbarity, distressing its innocent Inhabitants.—a war that has desolated & burned whole towns, & render'd wretched, & turned out thousands of virtuous americans, destitute, despoiled, & unprovided for by the treaty of Peace, which leaves them dependant on the graitude & generosity of their Country—a war promoted, encouraged, & invited by those, who the moment the bloody banners were displayed, abandoned their native land, turned parricides & conspired to involve their country in ruin, tumult, & in blood.

3dly That such traitorous conduct, upon every principle of policy & Justice, in all ages, & in all countries, would in the opinion of this town, operate a forfeiture of the Conspirator's civil & political relation to their injured & betray'd Country ; cut them off, forever from a standing therein, render them Enemies & aliens, and Justify those necessary laws, and that general voice of the people, by which they have been thus declared.

4^{thly} That considering, while the sword was slumbering in its Scabbard, when this country was in the hour of quiet, & at peace with the world, only pleading and petitioning for its rights, for a free Government ; the sentiments of the absentees, their principles, their language, & their feelings were fixedly opposed to those rights, and to that freedom,—They then prefering, & to evince the sincerity of that preference, engaged to resque their all, for its possible attainment,—a Government totally inconsistant with the principles of the one we have established, and for the destruction of which they have been waging a cruel war ; That therefore this town cannot conceive of it to be their duty, or their Interest, ever to provide for the return of such Ingrates, to naturalize them, or admit them to the priviledges & immunities of citizens.

5^{thly} That, whereas the said absentees & conspirators, have, at all times, uniformly by their representations, addresses, and avowed principles, considered the subjects of these states, of our great & illustrious ally, and the treaty of alliance, amity & commerce, as

the proper subjects of abuse, calumny, & reproach—The former as the deluded tools of a party, spurred on to treason & Rebellion ; The second as the cowardly machines of a Monarch, perfidiously plotting the ruin of the former ; and the latter as originating from the worst of motives, delusive, treacherous, artful, insincere, & not to be adhered to, and have even attempted to seduce the Subjects of these States to violate their *faith*, & those sacred treaties :— That therefore, in the opinion of this town, to admit persons of such principles, & such practices, to incorporate with and reside among us, would betray the want of a due regard to a generous friend, who has been fighting & bleeding by our side, endanger the treaty, and injure our national characters.

6thly. That whereas persons of the above description have been of the opinion, which they have been assiduous to *propagate*, that, these States could find happiness, or protection, no where but in a re-union with the Kingdom of Great Britain ;—That left to themselves, they would become the sport of each other—break to pieces & crumble into ruin ;—That no calamity was more to be deprecated, *for our own sakes*, than Independance established, and no blessing more earnestly to be sought for than Independance destroyed ;—and whereas, when by a change of British Councels, & British measures, there was a prospect of peace, they reprobated that change, & solicited, for the purpose above, the continued utmost exertions of British power, and British resources, and even after the commencement of the pacific treaty, with malicious intentions, equally hostile to both Countries, dared to represent america, as but the proper subject of an easy conquest :—that therefore, in the opinion of this town, our Independance must ever be in danger of annoyance from such persons, who can never have our *confidence*, friendship or society.

7thly That the plea, for the return of the absentees, of their becoming good subjects, encreasing our numbers, & our strength, is in the opinion of this Town, *groundless & fallacious ;* as it is improbable that persons who have thus acted, that are thus principled, and thus scituated, would, without any new reason, light or argument, alter their conduct, and at once reject the principles

they have embraced, & embrace those they have rejected, endeavor to support that Government they have been struggling to destroy, cultivate that harmony they have been industrious to prevent,–prevent that discord they have been assiduous to create–*quell those riots & unlawful assemblys* which but of late were the foundation of their darling hope—and endeavour to strengthen that friendship and alliance, which they have labour'd to weaken, & lied to asperse, and by a conduct the reverse of their past, become useful & good

8thly That agreeable to the treaty of peace, this town wishes for no recollection of past disputes with Great Britain, no repettition of past injuries ; but the seeds of discord being excluded, that such a beneficial & satisfactory intercourse may be established between the two Countries, as to promise & secure to both perpetual peace & harmony—which would be extremely difficult, were those persons to reside among us, whom this country consider as the occasion of interrupting that intercourse formerly, & the cause of all their sufferings ; especially as these *wretched beings*, have already began a quarrel with that peace, & those who made it, which terminates a long, bloody & unnatural war.

9thly That therefore in the opinion of this town, it would be extremely dangerous to the peace, the happiness, the liberties, the interest, and safety of these states, to suffer persons of the above description to become the subjects of, & to reside in this Government ;—That it would be not only dangerous, but inconsistant with Justice, policy, our past laws, the publick faith, & the principles of a free & independant State, to admit them ourselves, or to have them forced upon us without our consent.

10thly That in the opinion of this Town, this Commonwealth ought with the utmost caution, to *naturalize*, or in any other way admit as subjects, a common Enemy, a sett of people, who have been by the united voice of this Continent, declared *outlaws*, exiles, aliens, and Enemies, dangerous to political being & happiness.

11thly That while there are Thousands, of the innocent, peaceable & defenceless Inhabitants of these states. whose property has been destroyed, & taken from them in the course of the war, for whom no

provision is made, to whom there is no *restitution of estates,* no compensation for losses—That it would be unreasonable, cruel & unjust, to suffer those, who were the wicked occasion of those losses, to obtain a restitution of the Estates they refused to protect, and which they have abandoned, & forfeited to the Justice of their Country

12thly That whereas persons of the above description, have already made various attempts to introduce themselves into this Government, and thereby to establish principles & precedents by which others might be admitted, & restored to their forfeited Estates; That this town will adopt every reasonable, and consistent measure to prevent so great an evil; and that it is their expectation and earnest desire of Samuel Curtis, Esqr., whom they have chosen to represent them at this critical period, that he will with *firmness & Steadiness,* continue his patriotic exertions for the above purpose, That he will use his influence, to have those good & wholesome laws, touching the matter, duly executed, and such others enacted, as events and circumstances from time to time may render necessary; That he will receive a copy of the above votes—to the principles of which—The principles of a Sovereign & Independant Government—the principles of our free Constitution—and those great principles which has carried us triumphantly thro' a severe & bloody conflict—to those principles, he will invariably adhere, and make them the governing rule of his conduct—as that alone under heaven, has given energy to war, and will give *dignity to peace,* and make life happy.

13thly That it is the expectation of this town, & their earnest request of their Committee of Correspondence, Inspection & Safety, that they will with care & vigilance observe the movements, & watch the conduct of our only *remaining Enemies,*—That untill further order of Government, they will with decision, spirit & firmness, endeavour to enforce, & carry into execution, the several laws of this Commonwealth respecting those Enemies to our rights, & the rights of mankind; Give information should they know of any *obtruding* themselves into any part of this State, suffer none to remain in this town, but cause to be confin'd immediately, for

the purpose of transportation, according to law any that may presume to enter.

Voted to allow Samuel Whitneys accompt, being £4 4 0

Voted to choose a Committee to inquire of the Exc^r. or administrator to the Estate of M^r. James M^cfarland late of this town deceased, respecting monies he received of Government for the support of non commissioned Officers & Soldiers familys—Then chose Mr David Bigelow & Mr Nathan Perry a Committee for said purpose

Voted that the several Grants made at this meeting be assessed upon the Poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of this town

Voted That this Meeting be dissolved & it was accordingly dissolved

A true Entry Attest William. G. Maccarty Town Clerk

Worcester April 28th. 1783

We the Subscribers appointed by the Towns of Worcester and Shrewsbury to perambulate & renew the Bounds between said Towns have attended that service, beginning at a black Oak Tree near the head of the long Pond, so called, & renewed the bounds northerly between the aforesaid Towns, to a white Oak Tree at the northeasterly corner of Worcester

David Bigelow
Josiah Peirce
Jonathan Lovell
John Rice
Jotham How
} Committees for Said Towns

Entered from the original ℔ William. G. Maccarty Town Clerk

According to the appointment of the Selectmen of Leicester, we have met with Saml Brown & Phinehas Jones of Worcester, & have perambulated the Line between Worcester & Leicester, and renewed the bounds according to the Requisition mentioned

Joseph Sargeant
William Earl

Leicester 28th April 1783

Entered from the Original ℔ William. G. Maccarty Town Clerk

Worcester April 28th. 1783

We the Subscribers, according to appointment have met the Committee of Ward, & Perambulated the Line & renewed the Bounds between Worcester & Ward

Nathan Perry
Josiah Perry

Jonathan Phillips } Committee
Joseph Clark } for Ward

Entered from the Original ℔ William. G. Maccarty Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester legally warned & assembled at the Meeting house in Said Town on Monday the 7th July 1783

Jos. Allen Esqr. chosen Moderator

Voted. That The Committee heretofore appointed to See the Pews built, be also a Committee to make sale of the same agreeable to a former vote of The Town, & to execute Sufficient Deeds in law to the purchasers thereof

Voted that there be a Committee chosen to confer with a Committee that is or may be chosen by the Town of Holden to adjust matters respecting the boundary lines between this Town & that of Holden—provided nevertheless that their doings be of no effect unless ratified by the Town

Then chose Timothy Paine Esqr. William Young Esqr. Col. Ebenezer Lovell Mr David Bigelow & Joseph Wheeler Esqr. a Committee for said purpose

Voted that as the lands in this town are already taken up & divided That the Select-men be a Committee to request Joshua Bigelow Esqr. prors. Clerk, that he would deliver them the proprietors books of record, & when received by them that they be put into the Custody of the Clerk of this Town

Voted that there be a Committee appointed to procure some person or persons to preach in this town upon probation with a view of settleing such person or persons if he should be agreeable

to the Town as a Colleague with the Rev^d. Mr Maccarty—Then voted That Jos. Allen, Jos. Wheeler Esq^rs & Timothy Paine Esqr. be a Committee for said purpose

Voted that the Select-men be a Committee to provide a new cover for the Cushion in the pulpit

Voted That the sum of Thirty Pounds be granted & assessed upon the Poles & Estates in this Town towards supplying the pulpit

Voted that there be a weekly subscription of money for supplying the pulpit, & that any person who shall put his name to the money he contributes shall have credit therefor, to be deducted out of their tax.

The Pews were sold in presence of the Town—The one adjoining The broad Isle on the womens side to Dr Dix for £43—The one adjoining The broad Isle on the other side to Mr Danl Waldo for £43—The one adjoining the first described pew to Nathan Patch for £37—The one adjoining the second described pew To M^r. Thomas for £46 - 10/—The Meeting was then desolved

Attest. J. Allen, Moderator

A true Entry from the Minutes

Attest. William. G. Maccarty Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester legally assembled at the public Meeting [house] in Said Town August 25. A D. 1783

On the first article voted M^r. Nathan Perry Moderator

On the Second Article, Voted M^r. Nathan Patch a Committee to defend two suits brought against the Town, one in favour of M^r. Josiah Peirce,—The other in favour of M^r. John Peirce

3^d. Article—Voted, to choose a Committee to consist of three, in order to compleat the Fence Thro' the Farm called Heaths Farm Then chose Capt. Saml. Brooks M^r. Robert Smith & M^r. Joseph Barber a Committee for said purpose

Then Voted to desolve the Meeting—& it was accordingly dissolved Nathan Perry Moderator

A true Entry from the Minutes

Attest. William. G. Maccarty Town Clerk

———

Worcester September 19th. 1783—Then personally appeared Danl. Goulding and made solemn oath to the faithful discharge of the Office of Collector within & for the Town of Worcester agreeable to his appointment Coram Jos. Wheeler J pacis

A true Entry Attest William. G. Maccarty Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester legally warned and assembled at the Public Meeting house in Said Town on monday November 3d. A, D, 1783

Jos. Allen Esqr. chosen Moderator

Daniel Goulding chosen Town Clerk[1]

Voted to accept the Report of a Committee Chose to examine the accounts of William Taylor late Collector of the Rates of Sundry Persons in the Lists amitted to him to Collect The Report is as follows Viz

The Committee appointed to examine into accounts of William Taylor late Collector of the Rates of Sundry Persons in the Lists amitted to him to Collect report their opinion that the Rates of the Following Persons be abated to him viz

	£	s	d
Benjr. Bennet For the year 1775	0	9	6
Ephraim Curtis	1	1	6
x Joseph Cunningham 1776	1	1	0
x Joseph Bates 1777	1	4	8
x Willm Curtis	2	10	11
Vernum Gleason a minor	1	4	8
John Waterman Prisoner of War	1	4	8
x Isaac Mulleean	1	5	6
x Saml. Ritchardson	1	4	8

[1] "— in the room of Mr. William. G. Maccarty said to be removed out of this Town."

Saml. Hardcastle Poor 1778			7 0 3
x Hooker			7 1 2
Saml Randel Poor			4 1 5
Saml Whitney not of age			15 0 0
James Gates 1779 not of age			7 1 2
Thads. Moore pd. Taxes in Leicester			7 1 2
x C Hunt			13 19 0
Jacob Nash			19 15 0
1777 Rosanah Walker poor	2 12 8		
1778 -- --	2 10 0		5 3 4

N. B those marked x Mr. Taylor declares that he never see any of Sd. Persons after he had the Rates Committed to him also that he be allowed for the following Counterfeit Bills viz

1 Bill 50 Dollr.	£15 0 0
1 Ditto 30.	9 0 0
1 New Hampshire Bill	3 0 0
1 Sword in hand money	10 0

all which is Submitted

No^{v}. 3^{d}. 1783 Tim^{o} Paine ℈ order

Voted that the Sums allowed M^{r}. Taylor be consolidateted according to the Settlement Formerly made with him

Voted to allow the Following accounts Viz

To Nathan Perry for Boarding Katharine Curtis & pair of Shoes	£0 12 0
To Robert Gray for Boarding Lydia Collins 13 weeks	3 18 0
To Phineas Heywood for Plank & Slit work &c	1 2 4
To Micah Johnson for Plank	0 19 2
To the Widow Sarah Jones for Wine dd for Reuben Hoit	0 12 0
To the Widow Sarah Jones for Keeping poor persons in the year 1775 Sent by the Select men	0 16 8
To Capt. Saml. Brooks for Sundrys dd Simon Glasco	2 14 1
Granted £10 For Contingent Charges	10 0 0
	£20 14 3

Voted to abate James Gates s Rates in 2 Rates dd to Nathan Patch to Collect made Jany. 24th 1783 being the Sum of £2 2 0¾

Voted to allow M^{r}. Nathan Patch five p^{r}. Cent which the Town is intitled to, by virtue of an Execution against him from the Treasury office of this Commonwealth

Voted that the Selectmen be desired to make inquirey to know whether the Town of Worcester is obliged to support Simon Glasco or not

Granted the Sum of Fifteen pounds for the Purpose of making or Compleating a Fence through Heaths Farm So Called £15 0 0

Voted that the Several Sums allowed & Granted at this meeting be assessed upon the Poles & Estates in this Town

Then Voted that this meeting be Dissolved & it was accordingly Dissolved

a True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

We the Subscribers in Obedience to a Notification to us directed by the Selectmen of Worcester for Perambulating the Line betwen The Towns of Worcester and Holden have mett with Such as were appointed by the Selectmen of Holden for the Same purpose at the Southwesterly corner of David Moors Land and proceded till we came to Shrewsbury Line being the Northeasterly corner of Worcester—the antient Bounds were mutually concented to and Renewed Excepting one White Oak Tree near Daniel Harris.[s] Orchard which being Claimed by us and not concented to by the Committee from Holden was the Reason why we have not mutually Exchanged Writtings as usual

Worcester may 2[d]. 1783 Joseph Wheeler, Sam[l]. Miller } Committee

a True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Cler

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